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"The time was about 4:00 P. M. and the sky was more or less covered with streaks or layers of clouds, with blue sky between so that the rays of the sun came through almost horizontally... I was walking in a NE direction, and having been an airplane spotter for a long time, I have formed the habit, quite naturally, of looking at the sky.

I happened to be looking at the West in the direction of my farm buildings, perhaps a half-mile distant and saw something which at first glance was about over my farm buildings. It was quite low... I thought at first it was a large airplane, not moving very swiftly and perhaps only a few hundred feet above the ground, let us say 300 ft. It did not seem more than that. It was moving horizontally in a direction parallel to my own. Then I noticed that it seemed to make no noise, and then I could not see any wings or tail or fuselage generally. It seemed to be a large disc or lens-shaped object, and in comparison with the objects below I estimated it to be perhaps [illegible] or 35 feet in diameter. I wanted to call to somebody else to "Look!", but I saw nobody within hearing distance, and I did not want to take my eyes from the object. It was moving like a wheel gliding sideways and not rotating. In perspective it presented an elliptical appearance such as any circular object would when viewed from an angle, the degree of ellipticity varying as it came up and passed me.

I must have seen it for 20 seconds or a little more. Then it got ahead of me and it presented the appearance of a circular disc, perhaps 5 or 6 feet thick. The color was grey, and I think perhaps a little darker ("Engineer," Cont.) on the rim or edge, not much but enough to make the edge sharply defined. Suddenly it stopped and seemed to be going in a direction more or less at right angles to its first motion, but still in an upright direction. There was nothing on it to indicate whether it was rotating... This sudden stop interested me as an engineer, because any sudden retardation or acceleration requires in so large an object the application of a very considerable force, and seemed a much shorter turn and a more rapid turn than any airplane I had ever seen could be capable of [illegible]

It then began to ascend in a direction of perhaps at right angles to its first direction and at an upward angle of perhaps 30 or 35 degrees from the horizontal, or the direction it moved when I first saw it, when moving horizontally. There were some fleecy clouds above it, and it entered them and was lost to sight for perhaps a second or so, to emerge into vision again above this first layer of clouds. It [illegible] layer of clouds, which were thicker, and was lost to view..."

(signed) Abraham B. Cox

(Maj. Cox, who holds a B. A. degree from Yale, has done considerable experimental work in the field of chemical engineering. He is a member of A.S.M.E. and S.A.E. A brief account of [illegible]

No Case (Information Only)

14 November 1956
Mobile, Alabama

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(OBJECT)
BY ROBERT SERLING 1957
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, OCT. 1 --(UP)--A VETERAN AIRLINE PILOT WHO ONCE RIDICULED FLYING SAUCERS AS "BUNK" HAS REPORTED ENCOUNTERING A MYSTERIOUS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT NEAR MOBILE, ALA.

CAPT. W. J. HULL OF CAPITAL AIRLINES DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT IN A REPORT PUBLISHED BY "THE UFO INVESTIGATOR," MAGAZINE OF THE UNOFFICIAL NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA.

HULL WROTE AN ARTICLE FOR A PILOTS' MAGAZINE IN 1953 TITLED "THE OBITUARY OF THE FLYING SAUCER." HIS EXPERIENCE DESCRIBED IN THE "INVESTIGA.

"INVESTIGATOR" TOOK PLACE NOV. 14, 1956. "WE DID NOT SUSPECT THAT WHAT WE SAW WAS A FLYING SAUCER."

HULL SAID HE WAS FLYING A VISCOUNT AT ABOUT 10,000 FEET NEAR MOBILE, AT 9:11 P.M., WHEN HE AND HIS CO-PILOT SPOTTED "WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A BRILLIANT METEOR."

HE SAID THE "METEOR" WAS DESCENDING RAPIDLY, BUT INSTEAD OF BURNING OUT WITH THE USUAL FLASH, "IT ABRUPTLY HALTED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF US."

"IT WAS AN INTENSE BLUE-WHITE LIGHT, APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES AS BRIGHT AS VENUS WHEN THIS PLANET IS AT ITS BRIGHTEST MAGNITUDE," HULL WROTE.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE OBJECT MIGHT BE A JET FIGHTER, TURNING AWAY FROM THE AIRLINER AND GIVING THE PILOTS A VIEW OF ITS GLOWING TAILPIPE. BUT HE SAID INSTEAD OF GROWING SMALLER, THE LIGHT REMAINED IN FRONT OF THE VISCOUNT.

HULL WROTE THAT THE "UFO" (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT) THEN BEGAN A SERIES OF VIOLENT MANEUVERS, "SHARPER THAN ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT, SOMETIMES CHANGING DIRECTION 90 DEGREES IN AN INSTANT." "IT FINALLY ZOOMED UP AT AN EXTREMELY SHARP ANGLE AND SHOT OUT OF SIGHT," HULL ADDED.

HE SAID HIS OWN PLANE WAS ABOVE THE CLOUDS, "PRECLUDING ANY REFLECTIONS OF SEARCHLIGHTS FROM BELOW."

"I HAVE SEEN HUNDREDS OF ADVERTISING SEARCHLIGHTS PLAYING ON CLOUDS, AND THIS WAS NOTHING REMOTELY RELATED," HULL WROTE.

"LIKEWISE I AM RULING OUT AIRCRAFT (AT LEAST THE ONES WE KNOW), BALLOONS, MISSILES OR ANY OTHER EARTH-LAUNCHED DEVICE WITHIN MY KEN. THE ONE THING I CAN'T GET OVER IS THE FACT THAT WHEN IT CAME, IT CAME STEEPLY DOWNWARD AND WHEN IT DEPARTED AFTER ITS AMAZING SHOW, IT WENT STEEPLY UPWARD."

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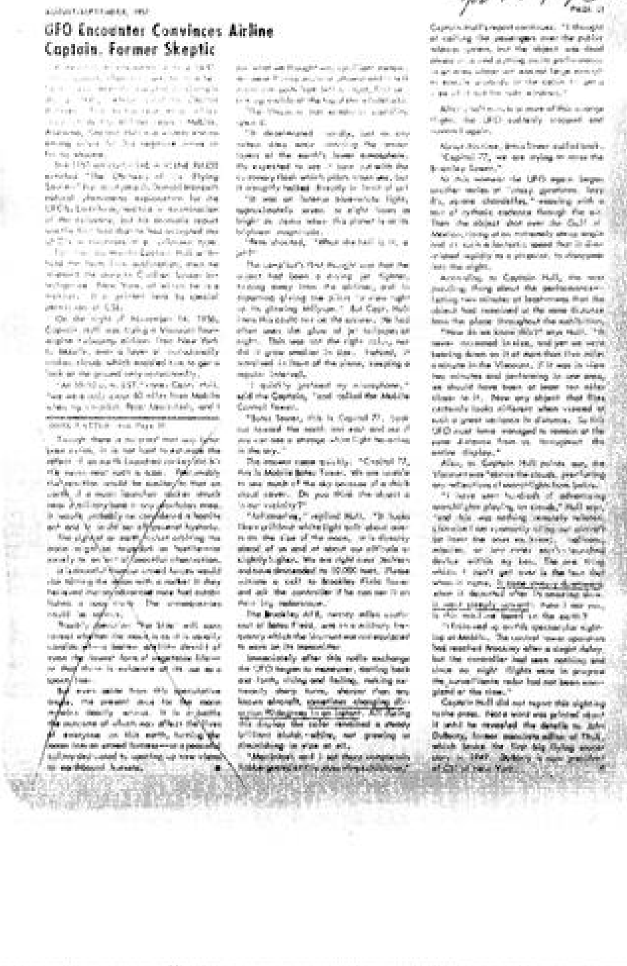

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1957

UFO Encounter Convinces Airline Captain, Former Skeptic

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JULY 1957

CAPITAL AIRLINES' PILOTS SEE ACROBATIC NIGHT LIGHT

(The sighting which follows is of particular interest because it was made by an expert observer - a veteran airline pilot - who was formerly extremely skeptical on the subject of flying saucers. In fact, in 1953 Captain Hull wrote an article for Airline Pilot magazine titled "The Obituary of the Flying Saucers." We reprint, with his permission, a slightly condensed excerpt from the letter to CSI President John Du Barry in which he described his experience.)

On the night of November 14, 1956 I was flying a Viscount at high altitude from New York to Mobile, Alabama. We were above a layer of clouds which were occasionally broken, giving us a glimpse of the ground now and then. At 10:10 p.m. E.S.T., when only about 60 miles from Mobile, my co-pilot Peter MacIntosh and I saw what we thought was a brilliant meteor. We were flying south-southwest and it fell across our path from left to right, first becoming visible at the top of the windshield. (The Viscount has wonderful visibility upward.) It decelerated rapidly, just as any meteor does when entering the denser layers of the earth's lower atmosphere, and we expected to see it burn out with the customary flash, which pilots often see, but which people on the ground are often denied.

Imagine our consternation when this brilliant light did not burn out, but abruptly halted directly in front of us! It was an intense blue-white light, approximately 7 or 8 times as bright as Venus when this planet is at its brightest magnitude. Pete shouted "What the hell is it, a jet?" His first thought, of course, was that the object was a diving jet fighter which had turned sharply away from us and in departing, was giving us a view right up its glowing tailpipe. Instantly I knew this could not possibly be an airplane. I have seen the glow of too many jet pipes at night not to recognize one when I see it. It was not the right color; it did not diminish in size, as a departing jet fighter's exhaust should have; and it remained motionless directly ahead of us, how far I cannot say, but it must have been quite a few miles.

I quickly grabbed my microphone and called the Mobile Control Tower. "Bates Tower, this is Capital 77! Look out toward the north and east and see if you can see a strange white light hovering in the sky."

"Capital 77, this is Mobile Bates Tower. We are unable to see much of the sky because of a thick cloud cover. Do you think the object is in our vicinity?"

"Affirmative. It looks like a brilliant white light bulb, hollow about one tenth the size of the moon. It is directly ahead of us and at about our altitude, or slightly higher. We are right over Jackson, Alabama and have descended to 10,000 feet. Please initiate a call to Brookley Field Tower (Air Force Field 20 miles southeast of Bates Field) and ask the controller if he can see it on their big radar scope." (We did not have the military frequency crystals in our transmitter to work Brookley Tower.)

Just after this exchange, the object began to maneuver. It darted hither and yon, rising and falling in undulating flight, making sharper turns than any known aircraft, sometimes changing direction 90 degrees in an instant. All the while the color remained constant, a brilliant blue-white, and the object did not grow or lessen in size. MacIntosh and I sat there completely flabbergasted at this unnerving exhibition. I thought of calling the passengers over the public address system, but the object was dead ahead of us and putting on its performance in an area whose arc was not large enough to enable anybody in the cabin to get a view of it out the side windows. After a half minute or so of this dancing, unorthodox flight the object suddenly became motionless again and hovered dead still. We were simply confounded by this.

Bates Tower called back. "Capital 77, we are trying to raise the Brookley Tower."

Right at this moment the strange light began another series of crazy gyrations, lazy 8's, square chandelles, all the while weaving through the air with a sort of rythmic, undulating cadence, the likes of which neither Pete nor I had ever seen. Then, apparently content at the consternation which it had wrought, the object shot out over the Gulf of Mexico, rising at the most breathtaking angle and at such a fantastic speed that it diminished rapidly to a pinpoint and was swallowed up in the night.

This unearthly exhibition probably went on for at least two minutes, according to our best judgment. I glanced at the clock and noted it read 10:12.

The most puzzling thing about the whole occurrence, aside from the dancing flight, was that the object, whatever it was, had remained at the same distance from us throughout the performance. How do we know this? It never increased in size, and yet we were bearing down on it at more than 5 miles a minute in the Viscount. If it was in view two minutes and performing in one area we should have been at least ten miles closer to it. Now, any object that flies certainly looks different when viewed at such a great variance in distance. So this UFO must have managed to remain at the same distance from us throughout the entire display.

If you know southern Alabama you know that it is pretty desolate country, with few inhabitants and only a few small hamlets between Mobile and Montgomery up in the middle of the state. We were above the clouds, precluding any reflections of searchlights from below. I have seen hundreds of advertising searchlights playing on clouds, and this was nothing remotely related. Likewise I am summarily ruling out aircraft (at least the ones we know), balloons, missiles, or any other earth-launched device within my ken. The one thing which I can't get over is the fact that when it came, it came steeply downward; when it departed after its amazing exhibition, it went steeply upward! Now I ask you, John, is this machine based on the earth?

I followed up on this spectacular sighting after landing at Mobile. The control tower operators had reached Brookley after a slight delay, but the controller had seen nothing, and since no night flights were in progress, the surveillance radar had not been energized at the time.

In case any of your members would like to know my background, you may give it to them. You will remember me as objectively skeptical and cynically critical of most of the purported saucer sightings. But I think you have to believe a veteran airline pilot with 17 years of service, 15,000 hours and 3 million miles in his logbook. I am seeking no publicity. I didn't report this sighting to the press and not a word has ever been printed about it until this moment.

W. J. Hull

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
31 December 1956

2. LOCATION
Guam

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 31/1610Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF Interceptor Pilot

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
Fm W to S to W(maneuvered)

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
UFO passed under pilot's a/c(F-86-D). Came in fm West - proceeded South, then came over pilot. Pilot unable to gain or intercept obj. It turned West then returned and circled fighter going W. Pilot broke off due to low fuel. UFO described as white, round, dime-size, blinking white lights.

11. COMMENTS
Maneuvers strongly indicate a/c. However, in view of stated reliability of observer, & statement no a/c in vicinity(air traffic over small island in Pacific easily discernible) will place in UNIDENTIFIED pending further details & info. Twx 30 Jan could not give any additional data. Case carried as UNIDENTIFIED.

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UNCLASS//A7FDO 57-0018. SUBJECT IS UFOB. THE FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7, AFR 200-2, DTD 12 AUG 1954 AND FEAF SUPPLEMENT 1DTD 30 MARCH 1956. THIS MESSAGE IN 12 PARTS. PART 1. A. ROUND. B. DIME. C. WHITE. D. ONE. E. NO. F. N. G. NONE. H. NOT DESCERNIBLE. I. BLINKING WHITE LIGHT (REMAINED CONSTANT FOR APPROX FOUR (4) SCONDS THEN BLINKED OFF AND ON QUICKLY REMAINING CONSTANT AGAIN FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME). PART 2. A. OBJECT PASSED UNDER AIRCRAFT WHILE IT WAS IN A HOLDING PATTERN ON THE GUAM RANGE. IT CAME FROM A WESTERLY HEADING. B. AZIMUTH WAS THIRTY (30) DEGREES RIGHT, ELEVATION ABOUT 25 DEGRESS LOW. C. PILOT TURNED WITH THE

OBJECT AND DESCENDED SO AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION WAS NOT DISCERNIBLE. D. THE OBJECT CAME IN FROM A WESTERLY HEADING AND PILOT, THINKING IT WAS A B-47, TURNED DOWN AND INTO THE OBJECT. THE OBJECT PROCEEDED [illegible] WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO CLOSE WITH IT AND IT CONTUNUED TO TURN WITH HIM ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TURN. THE PILOT KNEW THERE WERE NO OTHER FIGHTERS AIRBORNE AT THE TIME AND OTHER AIRCRAFT STATIONED IN THE VICINITY COULD NOT TRUN OUTSUDE THE F-86D,S TURNING RADIUS. THE OBJECT PASSED BETWEEN THE INTERCEPTOR AND THE CITY OF AGANA, GUAM, AND AT THIS TIME NO SILHOUITTE WAS SEEN. THE OBJECT PROCEEDED SOUTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES AT THE PILOT,S ALTITUDE (20,000 MSL) THEN IT CLIMBED TO ABOUT 30,000 MSL AND CAME DIRECTLY OVER INTERCEPTOR. PILOT TURNED AIRCRAFT TO KEEP IT IN SIGHT AND IT STARTED CIRCLING HIM. THE INTERCEPTO WAS PLACED IN AFTERBURNER AND TURNED IN TO THE OBJECT TRYING TO HEAD IF OFF. IT CONTINUED TO TURN AROUND AIRCRAFT AND HE WAS UNABLE TO GAIN ON IT OR CLOSE WITH IT. THEN IT PROCEEDED WEST AT AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE AND RETURNED OVER FIGHTER AT 10 TO 15,000 FEET HIGH. PILOT AGAIN TRUNED TO KEEP IT IN SIGHT AND IT CIRCLED FIGHTER AGAIN. AT THIS TIME PILOT HAD TO BREAK OFF AND RETURN TO ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE DUE TO LOW FUEL REMAINING. E. CONTACT WAS

LOST WHEN PILOT RETURNED TO BASE. F. APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES. PART 3. A. AIR VISUAL. B. NONE. C. FA86D, 52-99 5, 26,000 FEET MSL, 242 DEGRESS, 200 KNOTS, ANDERSEN AFB. PART 4. A. 1610Z, 31 DECEMBER 1956. B. NIGHT. PART 5. IN AIRCRAFT OVER GUAM RADIO RANGE. PART 6. A. N/A B. BRUNSON, TED, FIRST LIEUTENANT, 41ST RIGHTER- INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON, ALERT PILOT, OBBERVER CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE, NO OTHR SUPPORTING. PART 7. A. BROKEN CLOUDS AT APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FEET. CLEAR ABOVE. VISIBLILITY 15 MILES PLUS. B. SURFACE - 60 DEGREES AT KNOTS: 6,000 - 100 DEGRESS AT 24 KNOTS 10,000 - 100 DEGRESES AT 20 KNOTS: 30,000 - 70 DEGRESES AT 16 KNOTS: 50,800, - 120 DEGREES AT 35 KNOTS: 80,000 - NOT AVAILABLE. C. 0,000 FEET. D. 15 MILES. E. EVERCAST 10/10 F. NEGATIVE. PART 8. NONE. PART 9. TRIED TO GET TYPE AND SHAPE AND TO OBSERVE THE OBJECT. SUCCEDED ONLY IN KEEPING IT IN SIGHT. PART 10. NO OTHER TRAFFIC KNOWN. A CHECK OF ALL FIELDS AND CONTROL STATIONS VERFIED THIS. PART 11. CHARLES E. HEIDENREICH, 2ND LT., USAF, INELLIGENCE OFFICER, 41ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTO SQUADRON. COMMENTS: SUBMITTED WITHOUT COMMENT. PART 12. NONE.

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02/0710Z JAN RJEPHQ

Wrong! This type of sighting dictates that some comment, opinion, etc be given.

In view of stated reliability of observer and statement that no a/c in area, I'd carry as "UNKNOWN" pending further info — which has been requested.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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(UNCLASSIFIED) FROM: AFOIN-4E4

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UFO SIGHTING OVER GUAM ON NIGHT 31 DECEMBER 56 IS SUBJECT. REFERENCE TT MESSAGE A7FDO 57-0018 COPY RECEIVED THIS CENTER ON 5 JANUARY 57. REQUEST IF FURTHER INFO RECEIVED YOUR HEADQUARTERS, OR STATUS OF THIS SIGHTING. PRESUME PREPARING OFFICER CONTACTED FOR FURTHER DETAILS, COMMENTS, AF 112, ETC. NO INDICATION GIVEN ON SUBJECT MESSAGE WHETHER RADAR FACILITIES CHECKED IF UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY, PRESUMING FIELD AND CONTROL STATION CHECK VISUAL. MANEUVERS STRONGLY INDICATE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GIVEN RELIABILITY OF OBSERVER, AND PRESUMED NO AIRCRAFT (AS AIR TRAFFIC OVER SMALL ISLAND IN PACIFIC IS EASILY OBSERVED), WILL CARRY AS "UNKNOWN" PENDING FURTHER INFO AND DEVELOPMENTS.

COORDINATION

AFOIN-4E4 Henry A. Miley DATE 18/1/57
Dr. Henry A. Miley

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/UNCLAS/ AISOC 080 PD REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFOIN 4E4 1-118 CMM SUBJECT CLN UFO SIGHTING OVER GUAM PD NO FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS ORGANIZATION PD CHECK WITH ADC COMBAT OPERATIONS CENTER REVEALED THAT THEY RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFORMATION PD END

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29/2157Z JAN RJEDEN

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 May 58	2. LOCATION Uruguay		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT 04/1630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE CIOVI		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Case compared to Chiles Whitted (Evaluated as a meteor) by CIOVI. However the duration was rptd as over 5 mins & this rules out a meteor. Obj remained stationary for 5 mins. It was accompanied by a low humming noise when it moved. No wings, cylindrical shape, trail or wake, change in position relative to the vertical are rptd.		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data.	

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4 MAY 1300

This report comes from inland, so we have based our studies only on the data taken from the observation files and letters received from the people, but there has been no personal interview of the observers.

All the observers agree that it was a cylindrical object. Some say that it stood still for 5 minutes approximately. Even standing still it had the wake. Nobody say any wings.

A characteristic worth pointing out is the noise, described as low and rumbling. There are very few cases with this characteristic.

The cylindrical shape, the absence of wings, the wake, the immobility, and the change of position are facts that lead the CIOVI to indicate it was an unidentified object. (Walter Ribeiro says, "it was vertical to the horizon.")

According to the information that we have on that type of OVI, it is commonly known as "flying cigar." To complete this report we think it worthwhile to mention what happened to a DC-3 of the Eastern Airlines on June 24, 1948:

"The plane carried as pilot Clarence Chilles and as Copilot John Witted. At 2:45 AM they were flying to Atlanta when an enormous flying object, like the fuselage of a B-29 without wings. The bottom had a bluish shine, the rear was black, with 2 rows of small windows brilliantly alight, it came suddenly in front of the DC-3 at a terrific speed. The crash seemed inevitable, but, at the last second the "object" maneuvered and went by like a bolt of lightning, rocking the DC-3 with the violent rush of air it left behind. The same "object" was seen the same night, about an hour before, over Robinson Airbase in Georgia and by another pilot who saw it before that on the route of the DC-3. Similar "objects" were seen in the following places: Holland on the 20th of July 1948 and in the Philippines between Hong Kong and Saigon in August the same year. The pilots of the DC-3 reported this strange case, saying that from the rear of the plane there came out a huge tongue of flame."

CIOVI
Centro de
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de Objetos Voladores
Inidentificados

INFORME

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

A

SERVICIO DE INTELIGENCIA - FUERZA AEREA URUGUAYA

Debemos destacar en primer lugar que por tratarse de un fenómeno observado en el interior del país, basamos nuestro estudio solamente en datos obtenidos de las Fichas de Observación y de las cartas recibidas, sin que figure un interrogatorio personal con ninguno de los observadores.-

Todos los observadores concuerdan en precisar que se trataba de un aparato de forma cilíndrica. Algunos indican que se le vió inmovil durante un lapso de cinco minutos aproximadamente. Aún estando quieto seguí produciendo la estela.

Nadie destaca la existencia de alas.-

Una carcaterística destacable es la del ruido. En este caso se lo describe grave y bajo. Son escasos los antecedentes al respecto.-

No creemos necesario repetir elementos que surjen claros de los relatos contenidos en las Fichas de Observación y en las cartas.-

La forma cilíndrica, la carencia de alas, la formación de estela, la inmobilidad y el cambio de posición (Walter Riberio dice que se "puso vertical al horizonte"), llevan al departamento de Investigación de C.I.O.V.I. a indicar que se trataba de un Objeto Volador Inidentificado.

Ahora bien, de acuerdo a los conocimientos que se poseen, hay un tipo de OVI denominado vulgarmente "cigarro volador", que reune las condiciones descriptas en el presente caso.-

Completando este informe creemos oportuno mencionar el caso ocurrido al DC 3 de la Eastern Airlines el 24 de junio de 1948.

Este aparato llevaba como piloto a Clarence Chilles y como co-piloto a John Witted. Siendo las 2 y 45 de la mañana volaban con destino a Atlanta cuando un enorme objeto volador, parecido al fuselaje de un B.29 sin alas, teniendo en la parte inferior un brillo azulado, con su parte anterior de color negro, y con dos hileras de ventanucos de donde salía una fuerte luz, surgió frente al DC 3 a gran velocidad.

La colisión parecía inevitable, pero en el último momento el objeto hizo una brusca maniobra y pasó como un bólido mientras que el Douglas era sacudido por la turbulencia del aire. Ese mismo objeto fué visto esa misma noche cerca de una hora antes sobre la Base Robisn en Georgia y por otro piloto anteriormente, que volaba en la ruta del DC 3 . Aún más, objetos similares fueron vistos en los siguientes lugares: EN Holanda el 20 de julio de 1948 y en Filipinas entre Hong-Kong y Saigón a principios de agosto del mismo año.-

Los pilotos del DC 3 informaron a su llegada del extraño encuentro asegurando que de la parte posterior del extraño aparato brotaba una imponente llama.-

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CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.O.V.I)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por..**Walter.Ribeiro**..........................

Domicilio..**Vichadero.(Rivera)**....Edad.**20**..Estado Civil.**Soltero**...

Profesión u ocupación....**Fotógrafo**..................................

Fecha de la observación..**4.de.mayo.de.1958**...........Hora.**15**....

Lugar de la observación (Departamento,Localidad,Paraje,Calle,etc)

.**Puntas de Abrojal..7ma..Secc..Dep..de.Rivera.-**......................

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Testigos....**Si.-**..

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Domicilio de los testigos...

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Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato aparentemente sólido?...**Si.-**....................................

De qué forma?....**Esférico**...

Tamaño?....**Un.punto.grande**...

Tenía apariencia de ser metálico?..**Si. Brillaba como algo.metálico**

Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo?.........

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El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el conjunto giraba?..

Que parte giraba?...

La visión u objeto,se trasladaba?...**Si.-**..........................

En que dirección?....**hacia.el.Nor-este..60 grados**....................

La velocidad era uniforme?....**Si.-**...... se aceleraba?..**No.-**.....

.... se retardaba? **Si, .en.los.últimos.minutos.del.fenómeno.-**

La trayectoria era en línea recta?**La.1ra. parte.del.trayecto**.....

Efectuó alguna maniobra?...**Si.-**.....................................

Puede describirla?.**1ra..parte.de.la.trayectoria..dirección.N-E.;.2do. se puso perpendicular.a.la.tierra,.cabeza hacia abajo.;.3ro..dirección Este.-**..

Se le observó movimiento de balanceo?.......**No.-**....................

Qué altura llevaba?.....**No.-**...

Dejaba estela?...........**Si.-**..

De qué características?.....**Humo.espeso.color.blanco.-**............

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Había: A) Nubes?........**No.-**...

De qué tipo?..

B) Viento?.......**No.-**...

En qué dirección soplaba?...

C) Lluvia ?..No.-
D) Niebla ?..No.-
E) Humedad ?..No.-
F) Tiempo tormentoso ?..No.-
Hasta que lugar estaba la tormenta ?..No.-

El fenómeno se produjo:
a) Por encima de las nubes ?
b) Por debajo de las nubes ?
c) A través de las nubes ?
d) Por entre dos capas de nubes ?

Que temperatura había ?...20 grados aprox.

El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento ?...Si.-

Cuál era su color ?.El objeto era aluminio, la estela blanca.-

Cambiaba de color ?.....No.-

Como cambiaba de color ?...

Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores ?....................

Luminosidad general del fenómeno:
a) muy brillante ?....No.-
b) regular ?...........Si.-
c) débil ?.............No.-

Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, dependencia militar, industria, construcción vital, etc)..No se hallaba cerca de ningún lugar que pudiera ser considerado importante.-

Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba ?..No noté variación

Hacía ruido ?......Si.-..........Puede describirlo ?.Bajo y grave.

Oyó el ruido:
a) antes de apreciar el fenómeno ?...No.-
b) simultáneamente ?.........Si.-
c) después ?.......No.-

Notó si después de ocurrir el fenómeno se observó la precipitación de alguna materia extraña sobre la tierra ?..........................

Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado público, etc.)..........No.-

Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (pérdida de bellos o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, pérdida de conocimiento, etc)...............

Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de éste, pudo apreciar algún estado de intranquilidad o exitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales...

Otras características que Ud. apreciara destacar. La velocidad desde el momento en que lo ví (que cruzaba sobre el galpón) hasta que realizó la primer maniobra, era uniforme.-

Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo ?.....Si.-

En que discrepan ?...

Es la primera vez que Ud. ve un fenómeno como el que describe ?....
Si.-

Los otros testigos ?..Si.-

Detalle (si le es posible) qué se encontraba Ud. haciendo previamente a ocurrir el fenómeno....Me encontraba sentado en un galpón conversando con mis abuelos pués hacía poco rato que habíamos almorzado, aproximadamente una media hora.-

Concretamente: cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido?
Tengo pocos conocimientos sobre esta materia para formarme un juicio concreto.

En las líneas que siguen deseamos que Ud. relate el caso con sus propias palabras, lo mas detalladamente que le sea posible..Luego de haber almorzado me encontraba en un galpón que le falta toda la parte del frente pués es una casa de campaña. Charlaba con mis abuelos cuando oí un ruido (grave y bajo) que no lo conocía de antes. Y mi primo, un pibe chico, vió al fenómeno que en ese momento pasaba sobre el galpón. al principio lo creí un meteorito, un bólido, etc., y no le dí importancia pués creí que iba a desaparecer, pero como demoraba.. traje un largavista para verlo mejor y perdí algunos minutos y perdí algunos minutos hasta que me decidí sacarle una fotografía. No pude sacarle tomas mejores, pués cerca de la casa de mis abuelos crece una gran acacia que me impedía la visión de allí. Para sacarle la foto tuve que trasladarme hacia otro lugar. Cuando fuí a sacarle la primera toma él ya se había trasladado lo cual me impidió que se viera el aparato en la foto. Lo que se ve en la foto es la estela. Con una buena ampliación del negativo tal vez se vea el objeto. Como dije, luego de recorrer un trecho el objeto en dirección noroeste y de grados y en línea recta comenzó a bajar la cabeza de la estela donde estaba el objeto hacia la tierra hasta ponerse vertical al horizonte. Permaneció quieto en esa posición unos 5 minutos y la estela permanecía inalterable. Esto me confundió pués tendría que esfumarse con el tiempo

SIGUE AL DORSO.

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Y no fué así, la estela permanecía inalterable, pero como estaba muy lejos se la veía pequeña. Luego el objeto, con su estela comenzó a moverse hacia el Este.- Es decir que se fué enderesando pero muy lentamente, hasta ponerse horisontal como una franjita paralela al horisonte, pero muy lejos del horisonte, para irse esfumando lentamente . Podría decirse que desde el primer momento que lo ví hasta el instante en que no lo ví más duró aproximadamente 20 minutos.

Aclarando algunos puntos: el objeto era un punto brillante y estaba en la parte anterior de la estela. Las fotografías son de la estela, pero como dije antes, con una buena ampliación del negativo tal vez se vea el objeto, pués cuando hise la toma ya no se veía el objeto a simple vista sino sólo la estela. El objeto siempre tuvo la estale, cuando estuvo sobre mi cabesa, y hasta que se trasladó un poco lo víen la punta de la estela, pero cuando estuvo más lejos se fué achicando y ya no fué posible verlo .-

Walter Ribeiro
FIRMA

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CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

(C.I.O.V.I)

REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por... O'Brien Argachá

Domicilio... Colonia R. Rius ...Edad. 38 ...Estado Civil. Casado

Profesión u ocupación. Radiotécnico-comerciante.-

Fecha de la observación. 4 de mayo 1958 ...Hora. 13

Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, Paraje, Calle, etc)

Dto. Durazno. Colonia Rosell y Rius

Testigos... Lila Bouchols - Juan Carlos Argachá- Ariel Abreu-Luz Argachá- Irene Vázquez.-

Domicilio de los testigos...

Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato aparentemente sólido?... No.-

De qué forma?...

Tamaño?...

Tenía apariencia de ser metálico?... No.-

Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo?... ----

El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el conjunto giraba?... ---

Que parte giraba?... -----

La visión u objeto, se trasladaba?... Si.-

En que dirección?... Sud-este a nor-este.-

La velocidad era uniforme?... Si.- ...se aceleraba?... No.-

... se retardaba? ... No.-

La trayectoria era en línea recta?... Si.-

Efectuó alguna maniobra?... No.-

Puede describirla?... ------

Se le observó movimiento de balanceo?... -----

Qué altura llevaba?... 300 mts.-

Dejaba estela?... No.-

De qué características?... ----

Había: A) Nubes?... No.-

De qué tipo?...

B) Viento?... Si.-

En qué dirección soplaba?... nor-este a sur-oeste

C) Lluvia ?..No.-..
D) Niebla ?..No.-..
E) Humedad ?.No.-..
F) Tiempo tormentoso ?...No.-..
Hacia que lugar estaba la tormenta ?...-----.......................

El fenómeno se produjo: a)Por encima de las nubes ?..................
b)Por debajo de las nubes ?..................
c)A través de las nubes ?....................
d)Por entre dos capas de nubes ?.............

Que temperatura había ?......15 a 20 grados..................................

El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento ?. No.-......................

Cuál era su color ?...BLANCO...

Cambiaba de color ?...Cuando de alejó.-.............................

Como cambiaba de color ?..-----......................................

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Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores ?.........................

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Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a)muy brillante ?.................
b)regular ?.....Si.-.............
c)débil ?........................

Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, dependencia militar, industria, construcción vital, etc)..

....No hay nada por acá de lo que se detalla.-.........................

Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba ?.....No.-..........

Hacía ruido ?.....No.-...........Puede describirlo ?..................

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Oyó el ruido: a)antes de apreciar el fenómeno ?......................
b)simultáneamente ?..............................
c)después ?......................................

Notó si después de ocurrir el fenómeno se observó la precipitación de alguna materia extraña sobre la tierra ?.......................

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Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado pú_ brico, etc.)........No.-..

Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (pérdida de bellos o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, Pérdida de conocimiento, etc).............

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Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de ésto, pudo apreciar algun estado de intranquilidad o exitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales.......................................

Otras características que cree Ud. necesario destacar. Diría que era un objeto que producía a su alrededor un fenómeno en la atmósfera que no permitía divisarlo.-............................

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Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo ?.......Si.-.......................

En que discrepan ?....En nada...

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Es la primera vez que Ud. ve un fenómeno como el que describe?....
Si.-
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Los otros testigos ?....también.................................

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Detalle (si lo es posible) qué se encontraba Ud. haciendo previamente a ocurrir el fenómeno....Almorzando.-.........................

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Concretamente, cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido?
Que es un fenómeno que nunca se había visto en este paraje y que por su forma rara no puedo decir que pertenece a nada de lo que hasta ahora nos hayan hecho conocer los hombres de ciencia de este planeta.-
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En las líneas que siguen deseamos que Ud. relate el caso con sus propias palabras, lo más detalladamente posible.

Nos encontrábamos almorzando con mi señora e hija y en determinado momento en que mi señora salió afuera, al notar alguna variante en la luminosidad del ambiente levantó la cabeza para observar a qué se debía y entonces con gran sorpresa notó un objeto alargado de forma más bien cilíndrica, o más bien de cigarro, que se trasladaba a velocidad regular de sur-oeste a nor-este. Fué entonces, que me dió su voz de alarma y yo con mi hija, que habíamos qedado en la mesa corrimos a ver qué sucedía. Fué entonces que pudimos constatar la presencia de ese objeto raro, el cual con todo su cuerpo producía un efecto de reverberación tal como ese que se observa en esos medios días de verano al mirar al horizonte. Su velocidad era como la de un avión de pasajeros corriente. Su forma extremadamente rara. No hacía ruido alguno. Por unos momentos quedamos como petrificados ante la extraña observación y luego corrimos a avisar a los testigos que aquí figuran, los cuales tuvieron igual observación.-
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O'Brien Argachá
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FIRMA DEL OBSERVADOR

Ced. de Identidad Nº............

Cred. Cívica Nº....RCA 559.-.............

CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION DE OBJETOS VOLADORES INIDENTIFICADOS

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REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DEL URUGUAY

FICHA DE OBSERVACION

Observación realizada por... Francisco Hugo Mendiá.-

Domicilio... Cno. Santos 4696 ...Edad... 46 ...Estado Civil... Casado

Profesión u ocupación... empleado

Fecha de la observación... 4 de mayo de 1958 ...Hora... 12 a 12 y 15

Lugar de la observación (Departamento, Localidad, Paraje, Calle, etc)
Sarandí del Yi (Florida) cerca de la estación Tabaré

Testigos... Orestes Moscia y Martín Etcherrigaray

Domicilio de los testigos... idem.-

Se podía observar o precisar la existencia de un objeto o aparato aparentemente sólido?... No.-

De qué forma?... ----

Tamaño?... ----

Tenía apariencia de ser metálico?... No.-

Cree Ud. que tenía movimiento giratorio sobre si mismo?... ---

El movimiento giratorio se apreciaba en todo el aparato? Todo el conjunto giraba?... -----

Que parte giraba?...

La visión u objeto, se trasladaba?... Si.-

En que dirección?... Sur-Oeste- a Nor-oeste.-

La velocidad era uniforme?... Si.- ... se aceleraba?... No.-

se retardaba?... No.-

La trayectoria era en línea recta?... Si.-

Efectuó alguna maniobra?... No.-

Puede describirla?... ---

Se le observó movimiento de balanceo?... No.-

Qué altura llevaba?... 3.000 mtas.-(estimado)

Dejaba estela?... Si.-

De qué características?... Estela corta, fina, caract. de humo

Había: A) Nubes?... No.-

De qué tipo?... ---

B) Viento?... No.-

En qué dirección soplaba?... ----

C) Lluvia ?... No.-...
D) Niebla ?... No.-...
E) Humedad ?.. No.-...
F) Tiempo tormentoso ?..... No.-...................................
Hacia que lugar estaba la tormenta ?.....-------..................
El fenómeno se produjo: a) Por encima de las nubes ?... No.-.........
b) Por debajo de las nubes ?... No.-.........
c) A través de las nubes ?..... No.-.........
d) Por entre dos capas de nubes ?... No.-...

Que temperatura había ?...... medio templado.........................
El fenómeno se detuvo en algún momento ?... No.-....................
Cuál era su color ?..... Blanco (La estela)..........................
Cambiaba de color ?..... No.-......................................
Como cambiaba de color ?....-----....................................
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Puede precisar la ubicación de los colores ?....----...............
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Luminosidad general del fenómeno: a) muy brillante ?...----........
b) regular ?....----..........
c) débil ?..... Si.-............
Destaque si el fenómeno se hallaba cerca de algún lugar importante (tal como aeropuerto, dependencia militar, industria, construcción vital, etc)...
...... dependencias militares y aeronáuticas.-............................
Notó Ud. que la temperatura ambiente aumentaba ?..... No.-..........
Hacía ruido ?........ No.-........Puede describirlo ?....---.........
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Oyó el ruido: a) antes de apreciar el fenómeno ?...... No.-.............
b) simultáneamente ?.......... No.-...................
c) después ?.................. No.-...................
Notó si después de ocurrir el fenómeno se observó la precipitación de alguna materia extraña sobre la tierra ?....-------------...........
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Notó Ud. alguna alteración eléctrica (en su casa, auto, alumbrado púbrico, etc.)....... No.-......................................
Indique si después de la observación Ud. experimentó algún trastorno físico (pérdida de bellos o de cabello, quemaduras en la piel, trastornos digestivos, Perdida de conocimiento, etc)..............
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Indique si antes de ocurrir el suceso o en el momento de éste, pudo apreciar algun estado de intranquilidad o exitación nerviosa en criaturas o animales....----------..........................
Otras características que cree Ud. necesario destacar.......... La estela
.. desapareció de improviso.-..
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Los otros testigos vieron lo mismo ?....... Si.-.....................
En que discrepan ?..... en nada.-....................................
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Es la primera vez que Ud. ve un fenómeno como el que describe?....
..Sí.-...

Los otros testigos?.....Igual.-....................................

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Detalle (si le es posible) qué se encontraba Ud. haciendo previamente a ocurrir el fenómeno..
.Viajaba en auto desde Sarandí del Yí a los campos de la familia
.Etcheberrigaray, con motivo de una cacería.-

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Concretamente: cuál es su opinión con respecto a lo ocurrido?
No puedo dar opinión.-...

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En las líneas que siguen deseamos que Ud. relate el caso con sus propias palabras, lo más detalladamente que le sea posible.........
.En la fecha mencionada nos encontrábamos en los campos ya indicados
.cuando sorpresivamente nos llamó la atención de una estela de humo
.blanco la cual llevaba la trayectoria indicada a muy lenta velocidad
(creo que sea por la gran altura y distancia del lugar en que nos en-
.contrábamos) cuando de pronto desapareció sin dejar rastros.-

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Hugo Mandiá
FIRMA DEL OBSERVADOR

Ced. de Identidad Nº...108.821.-

Cred. Cívica Nº................

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 October 1958	2. LOCATION Groveland, Massachusetts	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ________ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local ________ GMT 08/1929Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE SSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 65' long tube or disc observed in the afternoon at estimated alt of 35,000 ft w/speed of 1,000mph in straight horizontal flight. Color silver, sky clear.	11. COMMENTS Some of the estimates are wrong since the obj would remain in sight for a longer period of time than that rptd. Sighting was probably the misinterpretation of an a/c.	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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HFH

Dear Sir,

We have spotted an Unidentified Flying Object, here is the information:

Date: Oct. 9, 1958.
Time of sighting: 3:25 P.M.
Size: est. 65 ft. long.
Shape: tube or disc.
Composition: slim and long, pointed at both ends.
Speed: est. 1000 m.p.h.
Altitude: est. 35,000 ft.
Direction of travel: South Southeast.
Maneuver Pattern: Straight horizontal.
Color: Silver.
Sound: none.
Length of time observed: 60 sec.
Sky conditions: Cloudless blue sky.
Visibility: Perfect
Ground Direction of wind: [illegible]
Northwest West.

(OVER)

C R SHEET

SUSPENSE	
ORIGIN OF BASIC	DATE
	ASSIGNED BY
DATE	TYPE
NO.	

SUBJECT

(U) UFO Sighting from General Public

ROUTING

Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)

IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT
	OIN-1			OIN-2			OIN-3			OIN-4			AFOIN	
	OIN-1X			OIN-2X			OIN-3X			OIN-4X			AFOIN-X	
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TO: SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker

DATE 22 October 1958

FROM: AFCIN-4E4

COMMENT NO. 1

COMMENTS *(Use reverse, if necessary)*

4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac/6-9216/Bldg 828

1. The two young boys are located directly under Airway Route Blue 4, which runs NW to SE. The object sighted was probably an aircraft flying towards Boston.

2. The observers statements indicate they have very active imaginations. Their estimates of speed and altitude are out of the question. It takes accurate instruments to measure speeds and altitudes as reported by the observers. A large object, such as a B-36 at 35,000 feet, would look so small as to preclude seeing it, especially with the unaided eye.

1 Incl:
  1. Ltr fm R. McComiskie, no date

H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

9 Oct

29 October 1958

Dear Mr. Colcord:

This is to acknowledge and thank you and Mr. Robert McComiskie for your interest in submitting the unidentified flying object sighting report of 9 October 1958 at Groveland, Massachusetts.

Estimates of speed and altitude are not acceptable unless measured by accurate instruments.

However, since Groveland is located directly under Airway Route Blue 4, which runs Northwest to Southeast, you probably saw an aircraft at high altitude flying towards Boston.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. Peter Colcord
13 Broad Street
Groveland, Massachusetts

CC: Mr. Robert McComiskie
27 Broad Street
Groveland, Massachusetts

REPORT ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

OVER

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

February 5, 1960 and February 6, 1960

(Observed by Hundreds of Witnesses)

This report is the result of a thorough and exhaustive study of this occurrence by the

LOS ANGELES NICAP SUBCOMMITTEE (LANS)

A Scientific, Investigative Committee of the

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA (NICAP)
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.
Major Donald E. Keyhoe
USMC (Ret.)
Director

Foreword

Correlation of observations of many independent witnesses, who observed this phenomenon from various locations in Hollywood, together with scientific and technological information from authoritative sources have made this report possible.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all witnesses who gave so generously of their time in describing their observations of this sighting, and granted permission to use their names in this report. Our sincere thanks also to those witnesses who, for personal reasons, requested anonymity, but nevertheless rendered valuable information and assistance.

Our grateful acknowledgment for vital information and advice on the technological aspects of this study, to the following: U. S. Weather Bureau, Santa Monica, California; U. S. Weather Bureau, International Airport, Inglewood, California; U. S. Weather Bureau, Burbank, California; Lockheed Control Tower, Lockheed Airport, Burbank, California; Lockheed Aircraft Corp. (1) Lockheed Research, (2) Missiles and Space Div., Van Nuys, California; Griffith Park Observatory, Los Angeles, California; Dept. of Water and Power (1) Los Angeles, (2) Van Nuys, California; Southern California Edison Co., Los Angeles, California; Edwards Air Force Base, Weather Detachment Forecaster, California; and U. S. Naval Ordnance Station, China Lake, California.

A special word of thanks to The Citizen-News, whose article (see page 2) in behalf of this committee, brought remarkable results in locating witnesses to this sighting.

The Citizen-News Wed. Feb. 10, 1960 1

MYSTERY FLASH

Fireball Reported In Hollywood Skies

That mystery flash which was reported from four western states — Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah — Sunday night, may also have been observed in Hollywood by E. W. Cass, who says the flash lit up his bedroom like a flashlight through the window. Cass was the second local man to report the phenomenon.

Cass, who lives at 1554 N. Sierra Bonita Ave. in Hollywood, says the flash first lit up his room at 11:30 as he was winding the alarm clock. He looked outside and saw a "red ball" in the sky and he watched it for a couple of minutes before he called his wife, then they went outside and watched it some more.

He described the direction as slightly north of east from his location. His description as to the time involved in observing the phenomenon, whatever it was, is not in keeping with the descriptions of the falsh seen, and heard, (it was described as sounding like a flock of jets going by) in the Montana disturbance, which the various reports investigated would tend to pinpoint in the area of the Bitter Root Valley.

Cass' description of the sighting closely resembles that related to the Associated Press Monday by amateur astronomer Floyd Rickores, also of Hollywood.

Rickores said after the flash of light the "red ball was brighter than anything else in the sky. It seemed to hang motionless between two stars for some time, then took off with fantastic speed and disappeared."

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(Time given as Sunday
night should read
Saturday night)

Los Angeles Herald & Express

Feb. 8-60

Sky Mystery Light Seen As Meteor

A mysterious bright light in the sky visible here early yesterday was undoubtedly a meteor, experts said today.

Hundreds of persons in Utah, Montana and Wyoming saw the strange light, indicating its path was over that area.

Local witnesses said the light appeared to hover over Hollywood and Vine, and early reports identified it as a weather balloon.

However, Floyd Rickores of Hollywood, an amateur astronomer, said he tracked a red ball in the sky for nearly five minutes after a "bright flash lighted the room." He said the ball was brighter than anything else in the sky, and he guessed it was thousands of miles above the earth.

"It seemed to stay stationary between two stars for three or four minutes, then it took off with a fantastic speed and disappeared," he said.

Western Air Line Pilot Richard Below, whose plane was 11,000 feet over Western Montana, said the light was "fantastically bright . . . it lit up everything in the cockpit and the cabin and the entire sky outside."

Observers in the mountain states described the light as something like a flash of lightning streaking across the sky.

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2 Sec. 1, Part A Sun., Feb. 7, 1960 Los Angeles Examiner

Mystery Light Hangs Over Hollywood

Scores of telephone inquiries were received by the police and newspaper offices late last night from people who reported a strange red light high in the heavens almost directly over Hollywood blvd. and Vine st.

After a check of Weather Bureau stations, the FAA and all airports in the metropolitan area, Lt. R. S. Tucker, night watch commander at the Hollywood police division, said he was unofficially recording the phenonmenon as a weather balloon.

The "UFO" (unknown flying object) was first reported at 11:30 p.m.

Lt. Tucker, who kept track on the light from his office window, said it appeared to snuff out at 12:15 a.m.

A spokesman for the Weather Bureau said he did not believe it was a scheduled weather balloon flight, but that it "could have been."

He explained that the light, operated by batteries, is to warn approaching aircraft. The balloons usually remain in the air for about an hour and ascend to as high as 100,000 feet. The vertical position of the "UFO" over Hollywood last night was explained by the fact wind conditions were zero.

Thurs., March 10, 1960 The Citizen-News

Sky Light Witnesses Sought by Committee

Persons who may have witnessed an unusual bright light in the sky on the night of Feb. 6 are urged to contact the National Investigation Committee of Aerial Phenomena.

A representative of the committee, which makes an evaluation of such happenings, can be reached by calling REpublic 1-4530.

THE REPORT.

(As described by many witnesses. Signed reports in files of NICAP.)

On two successive nights, February 5, 1960 and February 6, 1960, from 11:15 PM until after midnight, a brilliant red light traversed approximately the same course low over the heart of Hollywood.

It moved very slowly and silently, remaining completely stationary for periods of 8 to 10 minutes at a time.

Both nights the brilliant red light came from the west, traveling due east, parallel with Sunset Boulevard. And both nights it stopped and remained motionless over the northwest corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue 5 to 8 minutes. Friday night it continued its motion due east (after the 5 minute stop) for about two blocks, then veered to the southeast and disappeared.

Saturday night the red light made its appearance about the same time (11:15 PM) seemingly following the identical course, west to east, parallel with Sunset Boulevard. This time its first stop was about a block east of La Brea, where it remained stationary for approximately 10 minutes. Elevation of the light at this point was approximately 560 feet. (See Elevation A, Page 17.) Then, as witnesses watched, there was a loud explosion, and flash of bluish white light (flash of light was directed downward and westward), and the sudden formation of a "mushroom" shaped white cloud.

At the moment of the bright flash, a dull aluminum colored tubular shaped object was seen to shoot upwards, and a smaller object was seen "spiraling" downward. As the "whitish" cloud dissipated, it took on faint hues of pink, blue and purple. Some noticed a peculiar odor.

Simultaneous with the explosion, the brilliant red light seemed "to go out". It "came back on", or reappeared about five seconds later, slightly higher in elevation and a block west of the point of explosion--again, as on Friday night, it was directly over the northwest corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. There it remained stationary for approximately eight minutes (while hundreds of Hollywood citizens watched in unbelieving amazement). Elevation of the light at this point was approximately 1,000 feet. (See Elevation B, page 17.) Then, very slowly it began to move due east. Witnesses said that for a few minutes the movement was so slow that it was almost imperceptible to the eye. After moving due east for about a block, it turned in a northeasterly direction, and appeared to be gaining altitude steadily. Finally, it stopped again, at an elevation of approximately 28,000 feet (see Elevation C, page 17), remaining motionless for about ten minutes--then suddenly shot straight up at "fantastic speed" and was out of sight in less than three seconds.

DESCRIPTION OF RED LIGHT.

Although the size of the light was variously estimated from the size of a baseball to a full moon, the majority of observers said that it appeared to be about one-fourth, or one-third the size of the full moon. (It has been suggested that the difference of opinion as to the size of the light may have been due to differences in location of witnesses, and angle of sighting.) There was almost unanimous agreement that the shape was round and clearly defined. Only a few thought the outline was fuzzy. To those who saw the light, there was no doubt as to its color. It was red--very red. The shade of red most often described was "a brilliant cherry red". Several viewers said that the light was "pulsating". Many witnesses described the forward movement of the red light, when in motion, as "deliberate" or "like that of a controlled device". All observers said that it was unlike anything they had ever seen.

FRIDAY NIGHT SIGHTING (Feb. 5, 1960) AS TOLD BY THE WITNESSES.

Jerry Darr was busily attending to his duties at the Standard Service Station, where he was employed, at the northeast corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. The time was shortly after 11:00 PM. The weather was clear and the stars visible. Something bright caught his eye and he looked up. He recounted, "There was this brilliant red light coming over the Eldorado (restaurant) real low. I just stared, sort of transfixed for a moment, wondering what it was." Then he called his co-worker, Charles Walker, to see it, and by that time others were looking up and watching as the red light came on slowly and silently towards them. Jerry Darr and Charles Walker then related how the red light had stopped and remained motionless for at least five minutes over Tiny Naylors Restaurant and Drive-in across the street at the northwest corner of Sunset and La Brea. They said, "Hundreds of people saw it--everybody was looking up." Then the light began moving again, slowly, and came directly over the service station, moving due east. Charles Walker commented, "It didn't float--its movement was deliberate--like a machine." Jerry Darr went on, "As it passed right over us, we stared and stared at it and we couldn't see what that light was attached to--it was frustrating!" About a block east of them it turned southeast and Jerry Darr said, "I looked away for a second and when I looked back, it was gone--just as if it had turned off."

Less than a third of a mile north, others were watching this strange sight. Ken Meyer, manager of the Union Oil Service Station, at the northeast corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Sycamore, had also seen the bright red light. He said he could detect no movement for about ten minutes, then it slowly moved away in a southeasterly direction. Meyer said that he and others watching decided that it was either "manned or radio-controlled because of the abrupt and apparently purposeful manner of leaving."

Mr. Harold Sherman, author and lecturer, and Mrs. Sherman had just returned to the Garden Court Apartments, 7021 Hollywood Boulevard, where they reside, and as they got out of their car they too saw the brilliant red light. They both agreed that the size of the light, as near as they could estimate, was about one-fourth the size of the full moon. It was such a spectacle, they decided to walk on down Hollywood Boulevard a short distance to call their friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, owners of Brown's Confectionery, 7007 Hollywood Boulevard. Mrs. Brown thought that it looked like a "ball of fire just hanging motionless in the sky". As the four watched, it began moving slowly--appeared to stop again--then moved eastward. Soon it disappeared from view behind the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, and the four interested observers walked hurriedly on down to the next corner (Hollywood Boulevard and Orange), hoping to see it again as it reappeared. In a few minutes it came into view again from behind the hotel, but was turning southeast away from them. Slowly the red light diminished in size, and then was gone. Mr. Brown commented that the elevation of the light seemed very low. Mrs. Sherman thought they had watched the light for approximately twenty minutes. Mr. Sherman said, "twenty or thirty other passersby saw it, and some taxi men at the Hollywood Roosevelt also witnessed the phenomenon, all asking each other, 'what is it?'"

Other witnesses, who requested anonymity, including a police officer at the Hollywood Police Station, witnessed this phenomenon Friday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT (Feb. 6, 1960) RED LIGHT REAPPEARS.

On Saturday nights, between 11:00 PM and midnight, activity on Hollywood Boulevard seems to reach a high point for the entire week. The same is true of other main thoroughfares in the heart of Hollywood. This Saturday night was no exception. The sky was clear and the stars visible. The moon was almost due west about thirty-five degrees off the horizon, two days past first quarter. It was an ideal night.

Miss Anne O'Neal, actress, was enjoying the sight from the porch of the Garden Court Apartments, 7021 Hollywood Boulevard, where she resides. A very bright red object in the sky attracted her attention, and after studying it for a minute or two, she went into the lobby and called Mr. Leonard Luban, night clerk at the Garden Court, and Mr. Lester Luther, drama teacher (also a resident of the Garden Court).

They hurried back to the porch and there they were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherman, coming up the walk, who had seen the brilliant red light just as they got out of their car, exactly in the same way they had first seen it the previous night. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sherman agreed that it appeared to be in the same place as the night before. Leonard Luban rushed back into the lobby and put in a hurried call to one of the daily newspapers, and asked if they knew what the strange red light was. He was told they hadn't heard about it. He returned to the porch and watched for a few minutes more with the others, and decided to phone the newspaper again. This time they told him, "We've had a lot of calls--but we don't know what it is!" Luban joined the others again and the five continued to watch--and wonder.

Approximately ten minutes elapsed. The brilliant red light was still motionless. Others on the boulevard were looking up. Suddenly there was an explosion and flash of bright bluish white light. Mr. Luther told interviewers, "The flash of white light came out of the right side of the red light--and the explosion wasn't like a sonic boom, or like any explosion I've ever heard. It was different. The red light went out, and about five seconds later came back on. It was just the same size as before the explosion--about the size of a pie tin, or one-third the size of the full moon. Something fell out of it and spiraled downwards."

Anne O'Neal told interviewers, "We were all so amazed when the red light came back on several seconds later--we thought it had blown up!" "A mushroom shaped white cloud formed at the time of the explosion, and as it dissipated, I noticed colors of blue and purple in it", she said. She also noticed a "peculiar odor", something like sulphur, she thought. Miss O'Neal described the light as a "large red star that radiated light--about one-third the size of the full moon". She, too, saw some small object, which she could not describe, spiral downwards after the explosion.

Leonard Luban spoke of the strange odor, the mushroom shaped cloud, the pulsating of the red light, and the object that spiraled downwards after the explosion. He said, "When the red light reappeared several seconds after the explosion, it was considerably higher and a little farther to the west." Luban agreed with the others that the light was about one-third the size of the full moon.

Mr. Sherman described the explosion, the white flash coming out of one side of the red light, and directed westward, the mushroom shaped white cloud, and the pulsating of the light. But he did not see the object that fell downward. His eyes were focused on something else. In the moment of illumination from the white flash of light, he saw a "tubular shaped object shoot upwards". He said, "It appeared to be dull aluminum in color." (See diagram B page 14.) Mr. Sherman described the red light going out at the moment of the explosion and coming back on about five seconds later, somewhat higher in elevation and a little west of its original position. Before the explosion, the light had been due south of the Garden Court.

Mrs. Sherman confirmed the statements of the others on most points. She didn't notice the object falling downward, nor the object which shot upward, seen by Mr. Sherman. Caught in a moment of surprise, it is understandable that no one person could perceive all of the details of a bizarre happening such as this. Therefore, five witnesses viewing such an occurrence at the same time could give a more complete account of the various details which contributed to the entire picture.

All five observers related how they continued to watch the red light as it again remained motionless (after its reappearance following the explosion) for five minutes or so. Then it began to move, very slowly, due east. It continued this course for a block or two, then turned northeast. This brought it towards them, but slightly east of them. (See map, page 15.) It was ascending steadily and as it crossed Hollywood Boulevard the watchers realized that very soon buildings would obstruct their view. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman and Mr. Luther rushed into the lobby and took the elevator to the roof where they had an excellent unobstructed view of the object as it continued to ascend in a northeasterly direction. Finally, it stopped again and remained stationary for approximately ten minutes. The three viewers described what happened next in these words, "Suddenly it shot straight up at fantastic speed and was out of sight in two or three seconds."

MORE OBSERVERS TELL OF SATURDAY NIGHT SIGHTING.

A little more than a fourth of a mile north of the Garden Court, Miss June Di Maggio, actress-singer, was returning home to her apartment at the Landmark Apartments, 7047 Franklin Avenue. Just as she was about to enter the building she was startled by an explosion and flash of light, which lit up the ground around her. She said, "I looked up and saw a pink cloud of smoke--sort of mushroom shaped--and a tubular shaped 'top' which was spinning. The left side looked shiny, but the right side seemed to be shadowed. I only saw the spinning object for a second. Then the smoke seemed to turn to lavender and different colors." Miss Di Maggio said that she felt slight concussion from the explosion. She went into the apartment building then and did not see anymore.

Ken Meyer, night manager of the Union Service Station at the corner of Sycamore and Hollywood, saw the red light for only a minute or so Saturday night. He said that it was in the northwest, apparently stationary. He was very busy at the time and did not see it again. He did not recall the time. (It is presumed to have been before 11:15 PM.)

Floyd Rickords, instructor of IBM key punch, of 1646 North Curson Avenue, was viewing the moon through his telescope (Polarex, 1200 mm focal length, eyepiece 25 mm, 48 power eyepiece). Mr. Rickords told of his experience, "It was near 11:30 PM and there was a loud explosion and flash of light that was so bright that I could easily have read fine print by it. My first thought was that some aircraft had blown up. I had been looking at the moon in the west, but the flash of light came from the east. I looked in the direction of the explosion and flash and expected to see parts of a plane falling, but instead, there was a brilliant red light motionless in the sky. A few minutes later I saw it through the telescope, but could still not make out anything but the burning red light, that seemed to be turning or revolving. After the light ascended, it was directly between two stars. Although it was many times larger than any star, it twinkled like a star." Mr. Rickords said that he went in the house to get his wife, who had retired earlier, to come out and see the strange object, and by the time he got back outside, the red light was gone.

Across the street at 1647 Curson Avenue, Tom Burns and two friends were watching television. Burns said, "It must have been near 11:30 because the commercial had just come on. All of a sudden we heard an explosion and I raced out to see what happened. What I saw looked just like a big red Christmas ball hanging there in the sky. It seemed to pulsate from time to time. I went back into the apartment and the three of us watched it off and on through the window. Finally, we went back outside and it seemed smaller than when I first saw it. The first time I looked at it, it looked as big as the full moon, and I had the feeling that it was going to fall. It stayed in one place for a long while, then it went straight up into the sky at terrific speed and was gone in a couple of seconds." Mr. Burns' friends gave complete testimony of their sighting to interviewers, but requested anonymity. Their statements confirmed Mr. Burns' account of the sighting.

At 1554 North Sierra Bonita Avenue, Mr. E. W. Cass, builder and contractor, was winding his alarm clock and looking right at it. He had not switched the light on, he said, as there was sufficient light from the hallway. "It was exactly 11:30", he declared, "and suddenly a bright flash lit up the whole bedroom." Astonished, he went to investigate and find out who was responsible. Mr. Cass continued, "I went outside and there in the sky was a big red light--about twenty-five times larger than a red light on a plane. I stared at it for a couple of minutes, then I called my wife (who was still watching television in the living room). We both watched it for a while and it didn't seem to move at all. Finally, I decided to call the police and tell them about it." Mrs. Cass said, "The stars were very clear, and we noticed that this big red light was right between two stars. As we were watching, it went straight up into the sky very fast, and we didn't see it any more." Both Mr. and Mrs. Cass commented on what a beautiful shade of red that it was. They both agreed that it was the most beautiful shade of red that they had ever seen! (Strangely enough, several other witnesses made the same comment.) Mr. Cass asserted, "I've never been interested in things that are in the sky, but I've never seen anything like that in my whole life."

Sone' Rosi, parking lot attendant at the La Brea Inn, 1543 North La Brea Avenue, was enjoying a moment of respite. Then he heard an explosion--and the ground around him lit up like day. "It was a bluish white light", he said. At first he saw nothing unusual, but after a few minutes he saw what looked like a "big hot ember" about as big as the full moon. He thought it looked as though "pieces were falling from it". It finally moved east, slowly, and out of sight. A row of tall pine trees east of the La Brea Inn could have obstructed Mr. Rosi's view of the red object as it turned northeast.

ENIGMATIC RED LIGHT ATTRACTS HUNDREDS AT BUSY INTERSECTION.

The corner of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue is a typical modern intersection where two six lane thoroughfares intersect. Located on the four corners are two gasoline service stations, a popular restaurant and drive-in, and a market which remains open until midnight. All are brightly lighted. Adjacent to these are more equally popular restaurants, also brightening the area with highly illuminated decorative signs.

Saturday nights this area is fairly teeming with life and activity. The restaurants are "packed", late shoppers are buying their groceries for the week, and the usual steady stream of drivers are going in and out of the service stations, and lined up bumper to bumper waiting for signals to change. Such was the picture at Sunset and La Brea on Saturday night, February 6, when an explosion and flash of light caused throngs of Hollywood citizens to stop and look up into the sky. The story is told by two police officers, a waiter and a waitress, who witnessed this inexplicable event.

Tiny Naylors Restaurant and Drive-in occupies the northwest corner of the intersection. The Drive-in was filled to capacity. Outside, standing on the lot were Officer Ray Lopez, and Officer Daniel Jaffee of the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Lopez said that when he heard the explosion and looked up, he saw a bright red light--something like a flare, but sharply outlined, and about one-fourth the size of the full moon. He said, "It was directly overhead--right straight up. I had the feeling that it was going to fall. After watching it hover in the same place for about five minutes, it began to move eastward very slowly. I believe that I watched it for about twenty minutes, but I didn't have the opportunity to watch it steadily, and the last time I looked, it was out of sight." Officer Lopez said that he had phoned the station and reported the object and he added, "They'd already heard about it."

Officer Jaffee recalled that when he first looked up, following the explosion, he thought he saw a puff of smoke. A few seconds later, he saw the red light. His description was very much the same as that of Officer Lopez. "It was straight overhead, silent, and just hanging there", he said. Officer Jaffee continued, "It seemed to be the color of a flare, but it didn't flicker like a flare. I had the feeling it was going to drop. When it began to move, it was so slow that the only way you could tell it had moved was to look away then look back again. I guess I watched it about twenty minutes altogether, but we were busy and I didn't actually see it disappear." Both Officer Lopez and Officer Jaffee stated they had felt the concussion from the explosion. Both officers also mentioned that the weather was clear. Neither had ever seen anything like the strange red light before.

Barbara Joiner is a waitress, or car hop as they are popularly called, at Tiny Naylors. She was very busy at the time of the excitement and didn't get to watch the light for more than twelve or fifteen minutes. Her testimony was much like the others. The light was "very red--like a red stop signal--only it had a very unfamiliar look. It was so vibrant", she said.

Larry Moquin, waiter at Tiny Naylors, had received special training at Pearl Harbor during World War II, for spotting unknown sky objects. He was Chief Plotter for Major Calibre Anti-Aircraft Artillery. His training proved useful on the night of February 6, when he saw a vivid red object in the sky that he did not recognize. He told interviewers, "The explosion was different from other explosions--it had sort of a hollow sound, and you felt it as well as hearing it. I thought I saw a little smoke, and a few moments later a light appeared directly above us. I'd say it was a bright cherry red, self-luminous and sharply outlined. It appeared to be completely motionless, and my first thought was to line it up with something stationary so I'd know for sure whether it moved or not." Moquin then showed the interviewers exactly where he had lined up the red object. The front part of the building has a cantilever roof which extends some distance out beyond the main part of the building. On the front is the sign, "Tiny Naylors". He stood under the edge of this and sighted straight up (90 degree angle) past the "T" in the sign. He said the red light remained stationary for approximately eight minutes, then began moving slowly, very slowly, eastward. He continued, "Everybody was standing outside their cars looking up--cars were backed up in the street--and everyone was asking each other, "What is it?" Moquin viewed the object off and on for about twenty minutes, and by this time his duties took his attention, and the next time he looked, it was out of sight.

One of the cashiers at the Safeway market, on the southeast corner of Sunset and La Brea, told interviewers that she had not seen the spectacle herself, but that she had heard a lot of customers talking about it.

The hostess at Carolina Pines Jr. Coffee Shop, 1518 North La Brea (near the intersection of Sunset and La Brea), said that patrons had told her all about the red light, the explosion and the mushroom cloud.

There can be little doubt that a red light of unknown origin, created considerable excitement in Hollywood two nights in succession--traveling over approximately the same course, stopping at the same locations for intervals of five to ten minutes. Hollywood citizens are still asking, "What was it?"

SIMILAR SIGHTINGS ELSEWHERE.

It is interesting to note that the explosion and flash which covered a wide area of Hollywood, occurred within thirty minutes of the time that a bright flash, accompanied by explosion, was seen over Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. The time of the flash over the four states was 12:03 AM, MST, February 7 (which was 11:03 PST, February 6). (See article, page 11.)

Also of interest was the "fiery red flying object" which was seen over Oakland, California, December 2, 1959. (See article, page 11.) Several aspects of this sighting significantly parallels the Hollywood sighting. The object was "fiery red". It approached slowly. There was an explosion and white vaporous cloud--and it shot up at "fantastic speed".

Sightings over Alaska, February 16, 1960, mention "flash" and explosion. (See articles below.)

The significance of these sightings, in relation to the Hollywood sighting of February 5 and 6, is speculative, but too important to be overlooked in an overall evaluation of the problem.

L.A. Mirror-News
Feb. 16, 1960

Sky-Riding Objects Confirmed

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Feb. 16 (AP)—A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command here confirmed today that unidentified flying objects were observed in the skies over Alaska early yesterday.

The spokesman said Ent Air Force Base here received a report at 3 a.m. yesterday from northerly observation posts that two objects were moving in opposite directions across Alaska.

One was reported in the vicinity of Nome. It appeared to be moving slowly in a northeasterly direction. The object disappeared without a trace and without giving any indication of its size.

The second object reportedly was sighted at Unalakleet, moving rapidly northwest at a speed sufficient to produce contrails (exhaust trails).

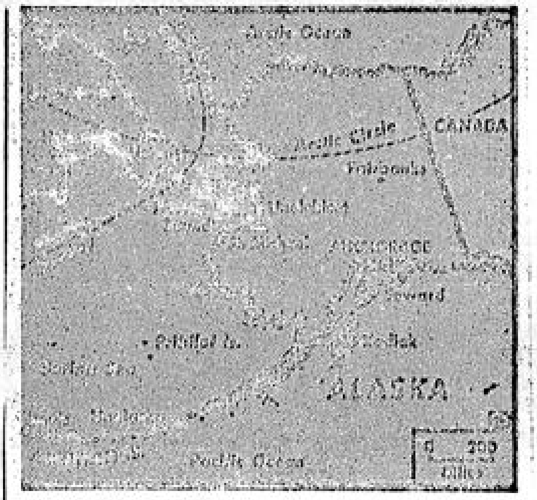
Exhaust Trails

The object also produced a flash which was assumed to have been an explosion.

Whether the object exploded has not been determined but officials are making a search of the area.

A silvery object belching flames was reported to have flashed through the Alaskan sky late Sunday from the direction of Siberia.

February 16, 1960
VALLEY TIMES



SEEN OVER ALASKA—Line of arrows indicates route of mysterious object which was reported seen hurtling over Western Alaska. Nome airlines employe said object was silvery and tubular with flaming tail.—AP Wirephoto.

Note object, "silvery" and "tubular" seen over Alaska Feb. 16.

"Tubular" object reported over Hollywood Feb. 6, by Mr. Harold Sherman and Miss June Di Maggio.

2 Part I—MON., FEB. 8, 1960 Los Angeles Times 2★

Flash Lights Up Skies Over Four-State Area

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 7 (AP)—A bright flash lit up the sky over four western states early today. The light was seen by hundreds of persons in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Northern Utah.

Their reports seemed to pinpoint it in Southwestern Montana — possibly in the Bitter Root Valley. Some persons in Missoula and Butte, Mont., claimed they heard an explosion.

"It was fantastically bright —it lit up everything in the cockpit and the cabin and the entire sky outside," said Capt. Richard Belew of Salt Lake City, pilot of a Western Air Lines plane. "It was a brighter nighttime flash than either my co-pilot, George Holgreen, or I had ever seen."

Capt. Belew said he did not see the actual flash — only the light from it. He was about 40 miles south of Great Falls, Mont., flying at 11,000 ft.

At Butte, Aletha Tallon, a secretary at radio station KBOW, said a noise, like a lot of jet planes taking off, followed the brilliant flash.

In Utah, the State Highway Patrol said it had many reports which described the light like a flash of lightning streaking across the sky.

Below is a quote in a letter from Carl M Nelson, Colonel, USAF, Congressional Inquiry Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary - - to Hon. Porter Hardy, Jr., Virginia Congressman: (Date of letter, March 31, 1960)

"The 7 February 1960 UFO sighting in the mid-west was not reported to the United States Air Force and, therefore, the Air Force did not analyze or evaluate this sighting."

(Documentation for above in files at NICAP)

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1959
San Francisco Chronicle

Mystery 'Fireball' in Oakland Sky

A fiery red flying object was spotted high over the Oakland-Fremont area at 9:33 last night.

Ten watchers in the Oakland Airport control tower saw the red light approach slowly from the southeast at an estimated 2000 feet, then suddenly shoot up at a "fantastic" speed and explode into a white, vaporous cloud.

The pilots of two commercial planes approaching San Francisco over Point Reyes reported sighting the red light. One pilot, flying at 7000 feet, said the object appeared to be below him. He saw no white cloud; the object just disappeared, he said.

A dozen persons called the Alameda County Sheriff's office in San Lorenzo to report sighting the object, and it was also seen at the San Francisco Airport tower and as far north as Contra Costa county.

A Thor missile was launched at 9:29 p. m. from Vandenberg Air Force Base, more than 200 miles south on the coast, but it was fired off to the west.

A. E. Whitford, director of the Lick Observatory atop Mount Hamilton in Santa Clara county, said no one there saw the flying object.

Whitford said it was barely possible that the object was a meteor. He said there could have been no connection with the missile firing.

METHOD AND PROCEDURE OF INVESTIGATION.

Early in the investigation of this phenomenon over Hollywood, one of the first steps was to determine the possibility of the red light being attached to a balloon--a meteorological balloon, or a balloon of any description, from any source.

Three different offices of the U. S. Weather Bureau, military bases, and several private organizations (who had in the past released test balloons) were consulted.

The Weather Detachment Forecaster, Edwards Air Force Base, stated that no balloons had been released from 5 February, 0950 PST until 8 February. He further stated the balloons from that station were the same as used by the U. S. Weather Bureau, and did not carry lights.

A letter from the U. S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California, dated 2 March 1960, reads: "In answer to your letter of inquiry dated 26 February regarding the unidentified objects observed over Hollywood, California, 6 February, we had not released any balloons at this Station during the evening on that date." (Signed, Quentin S. Dalton.)

These two military bases are located northeast of Hollywood. The prevailing winds the night of February 6 (according to U. S. Weather Bureau records) were from the northeast.

The U. S. Weather Bureau, Santa Monica, California, where the meteorological balloons are released, stated that the balloon released from their station at 2101 PST, February 6 did not go toward Hollywood, but in the opposite direction and was well out over the ocean by the time it had reached eight thousand feet. They also stated that none of their balloons had been carrying lights for some time--not even the Radio Sonde balloons which normally carry a tiny white light with flashlight size bulb. It was also stated that the light on the Radio Sonde balloon was so small that it could not be seen by a ground observer.

Private organizations which were contacted had not released any balloons for several months.

It was necessary to learn the source of the explosion and bright flash of light, which had been reported to the Hollywood Police Station by scores of Hollywood citizens. The Bureau of Water and Power and the Southern California Edison Company, two companies serving the Los Angeles area with power and light, were contacted. A thorough check of the logs of maintenance crews for the night of February 6 was made, and both companies stated there had been no transformer blow outs and no trouble of any kind with power lines which could have caused an explosion or bright flash. (At this time, the committee had not talked with those witnesses who were actually looking at the red light at the time of explosion and flash.)

Letters of inquiry were sent to Major Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF, Office of Information, Washington, D. C., and to Major Victor E. Irons, Jr., USAF, Office of Information, Los Angeles, California, to learn if the U. S. Air Force had investigated the unusual sighting over Hollywood. Their replies are included with this report.

The general report (Page 3) was a reconstruction of the sighting based on statements of a majority of the witnesses, or where certain aspects were described by two or more independent witnesses.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU
Santa Monica, California

May 19, 1960

Mrs I. E. Epperson
3790 So. Harvard Blvd.
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Epperson:

In answer to your questions; I will only show the general characteristics common to meteorological balloons.

1. None of the balloons released by personnel at this station were equipped with lighting units on the nights of February 5th or 6th.

2. I have attached a map of the local area indicating the line of flight for soundings made during this period; also attached is a composite of the wind data as evaluated for each sounding.

3. No free balloon will remain stationary, nor appear to remain
4.) stationary for this duration, regardless of the wind speed.

Balloons released from this station have, as a general rule, an ascention rate of at least 800 feet per minute; this, under normal night-time conditions limits their visibility time to about 3 minutes unlighted and 8 minutes when equipped with a lighting unit. However, when equipped with a lighting unit the balloon itself cannot be defined, only the light remains visible after 3 minutes, therefore, the radius of visibility for a night release is reduced to only the immediate area of the point of release.

I hope this shall be of some assistance to you and the facilities of this office remain open for any further information you may require.

Very truly yours,

R. D. Murray
OIC

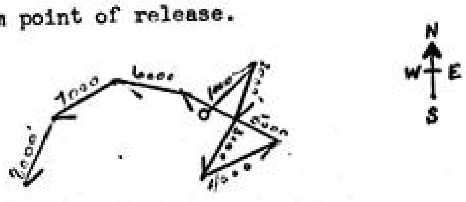
Wind Direction and Velocity (knots)
Feb. 6, 1960 2101 PST

Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	230	5
2	20	5
3	30	4
4	250	6
5	140	6
6	100	8
7	50	8
8	30	10
9		
10000	360	15
14000	350	17
20000	NW	22
25000	NW	23
30000	N	40

Flight Path for Flight of February 6, 1960

2101 PST for each 1000 feet/direction

from point of release.



Above sketch made at the office of the
U. S. Weather Bureau

Please note extreme difference of flight path of red light, as shown on opposite page, than that of the U.S. Weather Bureau meteorological balloon.

Unfortunately, space will not permit inclusion of other important information furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

Graphic Solution for Determination of Height of Tubular Object

At a distance of 25 inches from observer's eye, the object was estimated to be 1-1/4 inches in height.

A - Distance from observer's eye to ruler (held at arm's length)
B - Estimated height of object
C - The graphical slope distance from observer to object (1400 feet)
D - Height of tubular object (object in vertical position)

A ratio of A to B as C is to D gives a height of 70 feet.

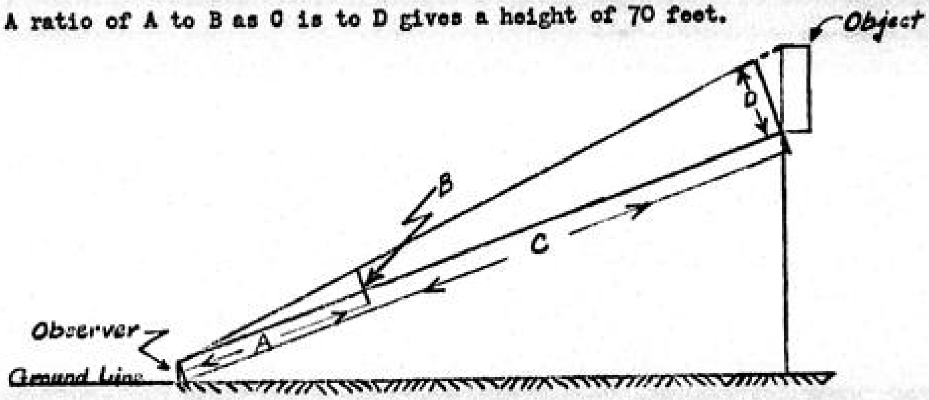


Diagram B

Wind Direction and Velocity(Knots)

Feb. 5, 1960 2100 PST

Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	020	04
2	330	05
3	310	06
4	300	08
5	300	13
6	300	17
7	310	20
8	310	22
9	310	22
10000	290	24
12	310	17
14	320	12
16	320	14
18	320	18
20000	310	23
25	300	35
30000	290	39

Feb. 6, 1960 0300 PST

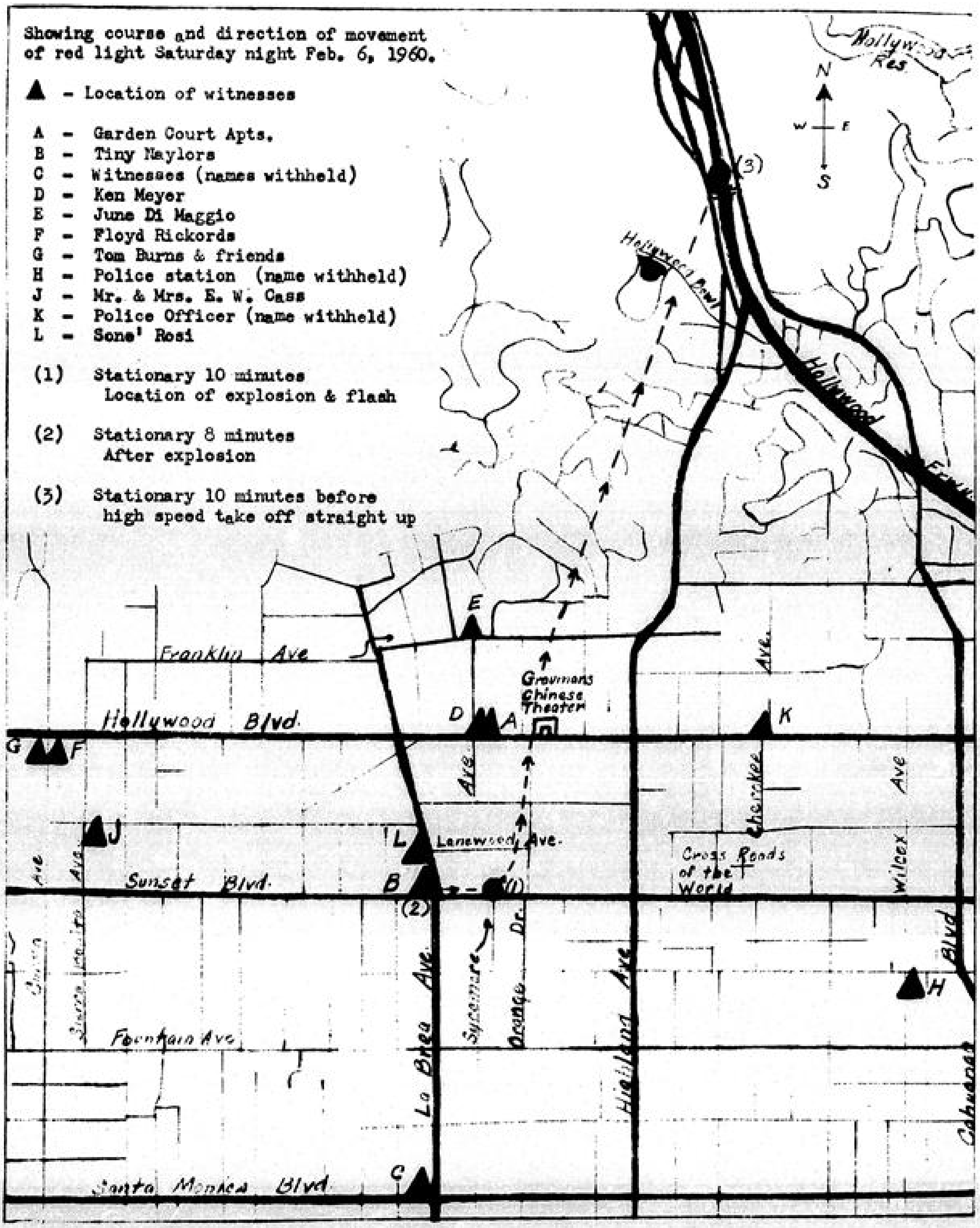
Ht.	Dir.	Sp.
1000	030	05
2	300	13
3	300	16
4	310	12
5	320	12
6	330	18
7	320	20
8	310	22
9	310	22
10000	310	20
12	320	18
14	300	23
16	290	25
18	290	30
20000	290	30
25	310	36
30000	320	24

Feb. 7, 1960 0300 PST

Ht.	Dir	Sp.
1000	310	02
2	340	03
3	340	08
4	350	16
5	330	14
6	320	10
7	300	07
8	300	05
9	320	05
10000	290	03
12	280	15
14	280	11
16	270	10
18	280	08
20000	290	08
25	280	12
30000	290	19

Weather Bureau Airport Station
2501 Airport Avenue
Santa Monica, California

R. L. Murray
Supervising Met. Tech.



Showing course and direction of movement of red light Saturday night Feb. 6, 1960.

▲ - Location of witnesses

A - Garden Court Apts.
B - Tiny Naylors
C - Witnesses (names withheld)
D - Ken Meyer
E - June Di Maggio
F - Floyd Rickords
G - Tom Burns & friends
H - Police station (name withheld)
J - Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Cass
K - Police Officer (name withheld)
L - Sone' Rosi

(1) Stationary 10 minutes
Location of explosion & flash

(2) Stationary 8 minutes
After explosion

(3) Stationary 10 minutes before
high speed take off straight up

Hollywood Res
N
W
E
S
(3)
Hollywood Bowl
Hollywood Freeway
E
Franklin Ave
Graumans Chinese Theater
D
A
K
G
F
Hollywood Blvd
Ave
Cherokee Ave
Wilcox Ave
J
L
Lanewood Ave.
Cross Roads of the World
B
(1)
(2)
Sunset Blvd
Gardner Ave
Sierra Bonita Ave
La Brea Ave
Sycamore Ave
Orange Dr.
Highland Ave
Cahuenga Blvd
H
Fountain Ave
C
Santa Monica Blvd

Supplement (page 17) Hollywood sighting report Feb. 5 & 6, 1960

METHOD OF DETERMINING NINETY DEGREE ANGLE

FOR ELEVATIONS A, B, AND C, PAGE 17 OF REPORT

Elevation A Witnesses at the Garden Court Apartments (Location A, map page 15) observed object (red light) due south 173 degrees (from true north). Observers indicated position of red light in sky relative to a building. Interviewers, using a military compass, established the azimuth.

Witnesses at Santa Monica and La Brea (Location C, map page 15) observed red light approximately 13 degrees(from true north).

These two independent groups observed flash, explosion and mushroom cloud at same moment, 11:30 P M, Feb. 6, 1960.

Plotting this information on map (U. S. Geological Survey Map, Los Angeles County, California, Hollywood Quadrangle) the intersecting lines locate the object (red light) over the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Sycamore Street (Point (1) map page 15 of report).

Elevation B The ninety degree angle shown is confirmed by the observers at Tiny Naylors, Sunset and La Brea (Location B, point (2) map page 15). Witnesses at this location looked straight up, at ninety degree angle, to see red light.

Elevation C Police officer at Police station, Wilcox and De Longpre (Location H, map page 15) observed red light, azimuth given, 345 degrees (from true north).

Witnesses at Curson and Hollywood Boulevard (Locations F & G, map page 15) viewed red light, using stationary object as reference point. Azimuth 48 degrees (from true north).

These two independent groups observed the red light at the same time as it hovered (Point (3) map page 15) and watched final take off.

Plotting this information on the U. S. Geological Survey Map, the lines intersect at a point over the Hollywood Freeway.

GRAPHIC SOLUTION FOR DETERMINATION OF ELEVATION OF OBJECT (RED LIGHT) OBSERVED IN SKY FEBRUARY 6, 1960, 11:15 PM TO 12:15 AM

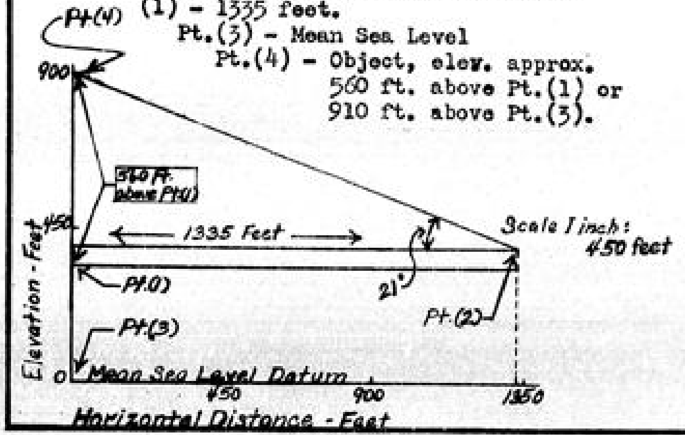
Object Hovering Over Intersection of Sunset Blvd. and Sycamore St., Before Explosion

Pt.(1) - Intersection of Sunset & Sycamore, elevation 349 ft., mean sea level. Object directly over this point.

Pt.(2) - Garden Court Apts., elevation 395 ft. Observers viewed light at 21 degree angle of elevation. Distance to Pt. (1) - 1335 feet.

Pt.(3) - Mean Sea Level

Pt.(4) - Object, elev. approx. 560 ft. above Pt.(1) or 910 ft. above Pt.(3).



Pt(4)
900
560 Ft. above Pt(1)
450
1335 Feet
Scale 1 inch: 450 feet
Pt.(1)
21°
Pt.(2)
Pt.(3)
0
Mean Sea Level Datum
450
900
1350
Elevation - Feet
Horizontal Distance - Feet

ELEVATION A

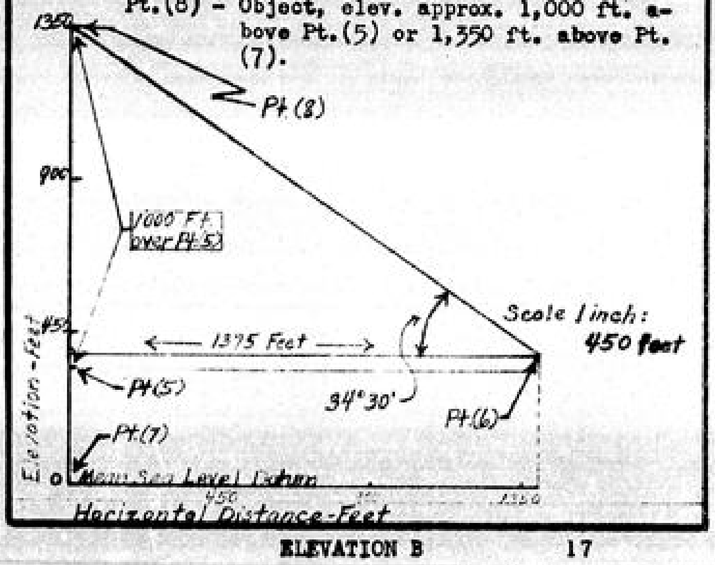
Object Hovering Over Intersection of Sunset Blvd. and La Brea Ave. After Explosion

Pt.(5) - Tiny Naylors Restaurant, NW corner Sunset & La Brea. Elev. 349 ft. Light hovered directly over this point.

Pt.(6) - Garden Court, see Elev. A, above. Observers, now, view light at 34.5 degree angle of elev. Distance to Pt.(5) 1375 feet.

Pt.(7) - Mean Sea Level

Pt.(8) - Object, elev. approx. 1,000 ft. above Pt.(5) or 1,350 ft. above Pt. (7).



1350
Pt.(8)
900
1000 Ft. over Pt.(5)
450
1375 Feet
Scale 1 inch: 450 feet
Pt.(5)
34°30'
Pt.(6)
Pt.(7)
0
Mean Sea Level Datum
450
1350
Elevation - Feet
Horizontal Distance - Feet

ELEVATION B

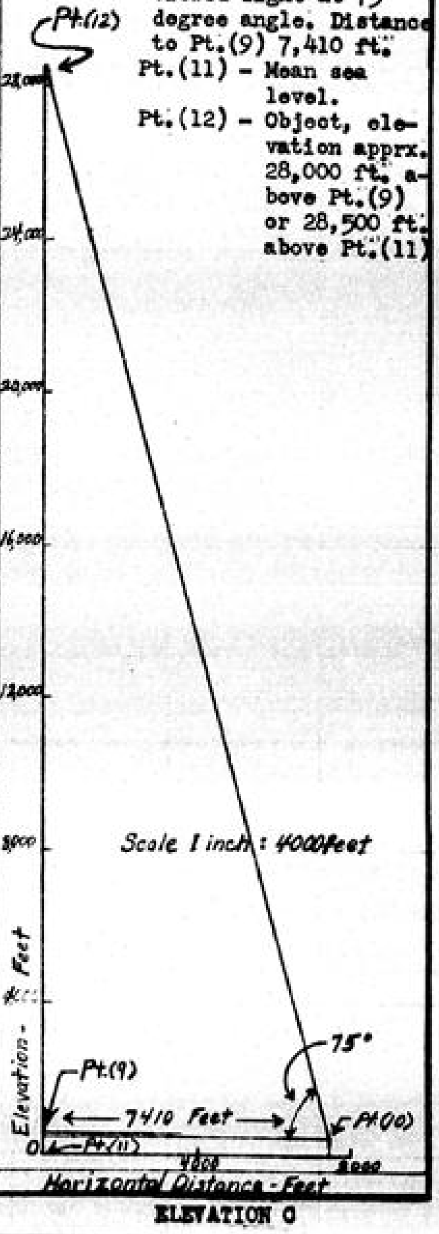
Object Hovering Over Hollywood Freeway

Pt.(9) - Point on Hollywood Frwy. over which object hovered. Elev. 525 feet.

Pt.(10) - Mr. Rickords & neighbors at Curson & Hollywood Blvd. Elev. 410 ft.. Observers viewed light at 75 degree angle. Distance to Pt.(9) 7,410 ft.

Pt.(11) - Mean sea level.

Pt.(12) - Object, elevation apprx. 28,000 ft. above Pt.(9) or 28,500 ft. above Pt.(11)



Pt.(12)
28,000
24,000
20,000
16,000
12,000
8000
4000
Scale 1 inch: 4000 feet
Elevation - Feet
Pt.(9)
75°
7410 Feet
Pt.(10)
0
Pt.(11)
4000
8000
Horizontal Distance - Feet

ELEVATION C

HOLLYWOOD 6-1321

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF INFORMATION
6085 SUNSET BOULEVARD
HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SAFOI LA-1

2 June 1960

SUBJECT:

TO: Mrs. I. E. Epperson
3790 S. Harvard Boulevard
Los Angeles 18, California

Dear Mrs. Epperson

This office has no record of being notified on February 5 or 6 of the unusual sightings mentioned in your letter.

If such a report was made to this office, a resume of it would have been forwarded to Headquarters United States Air Force in Washington, D. C. for further evaluation.

FOR THE CHIEF:

Victor E. Irons Jr.
VICTOR E. IRONS, JR.
Major USAF
Chief, Press, Books & Magazines Section

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27 May 1960

Dear Mrs. Epperson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 24 May 1960 concerning UFO sightings in February 1960 over Hollywood, Calif.

These sightings you described were not reported to the USAF and therefore no investigation was made on these cases.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. I. E. Epperson
3700 So. Harvard Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

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Los Angeles, California
May 24, 1960

Lawrence J. Tacker
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services
Department of the Air Forces
Washington, D. C.

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Will you please be kind enough to advise me if your office was notified of this occurrence, and if so, if there has been an investigation made by the Air Force.

If an investigation was made, will you please advise me what the results of the investigation were?

Thank you very much. With very best wishes, I remain,

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NICAP UFO Report

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. LEONARD G. WOLF

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, August 31, 1960

Mr. **WOLF.** Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include an urgent warning by Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that certain potential dangers are linked with unidentified flying objects—UFO's. Admiral Hillenkoetter's request that Congress inform the public as to the facts is endorsed by by more than 200 pilots, rocket, aviation, and radar experts, astronomers, military veterans, and other technically trained members of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Among them are Rear Adm. H. B. Knowles; Col. Joseph Bryan III, U.S. Air Force Reserve; Lt. Col. Jas. McAshan, USAFR; Lt. Col. Samuel Freeman, U.S. Army Reserve, Aviation; Mr. J. B. Hartranft, president, Aircraft Owners Pilots Association; Capt. R. B. McLaughlin, Navy missile expert; Mr. Frank Rawlinson, physicist, National Aeronautical and Space Agency; Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, space consultant, University of Southern California; former Air Force Maj. William D. Leet, with three officially reported UFO encounters while an Air Force pilot; Frank Halstead, 35 years as curator, Darling Observatory; Rear Adm. D. S. Fahrney, former chief of the Navy missile program; Col. R. B. Emerson, U. S. Army Reserve, head of Emerson Testing Laboratories; Prof. Charles A. Maney, astrophysicist, Defiance University; Capt. W. B. Nash, Pan American Airways.

The "NICAP Report on Secrecy Dangers," with documented evidence on UFO's, was first submitted confidentially to me, and to several other Members of Congress, including Senator LYNDON JOHNSON. In a reply to NICAP, July 6, 1960, Senator JOHNSON stated that he had ordered the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee to keep close watch on UFO developments and to report on any recent significant sightings and the Air Force investigations of such sightings.

Although I have not had time for a detailed study, I believe the conclusions of these experienced NICAP officials should be given careful consideration. Certainly their sober evaluations should be completely disassociated from the obvious frauds and delusions about UFO's which unfortunately have been publicized. The NICAP report is stated to be the result of a 3-year investigation—its conclusions based only on verified visual, radar, and photographic evidence by trained, reputable observers.

On August 20, 1960, NICAP sent me the following statement to be added to the original report:

> There is a growing danger that UFO's may be mistaken for Soviet missiles or jet aircraft, accidentally causing war. Several Air Defense scrambles and alerts already have occurred when defense radarmen mistook UFO formations for possible enemy machines. NICAP agrees with this sober warning by Gen. L. M. Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services:
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> "It is of first importance to confirm these objects * * * the business of governments to take a hand, if only to avoid the danger of global tragedy. If we persist in refusing to recognize the existence of these UFO's we will end up, one fine day, by mistaking them for the guided missiles of an enemy—and the worst will be upon us."
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> Today, this danger may surpass the one cited in NICAP's report: That the U.S.S.R. might spread false rumors that the UFO's are secret Red devices which have mapped all the U.S. and allied targets and could be used as surprise-attack weapons. (Some Americans already suspect hidden fear of UFO's as the reason for secrecy.)
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> We are sure you will agree it is imperative to end the risk of accidental war from defense forces' confusion over UFO's. All defense personnel, not merely top-level groups, should be told that the UFO's are real and should be trained to distinguish them—by their characteristic speeds and maneuvers—from conventional planes and missiles. This is not in effect today.
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> Second, the American people must be convinced, by documented facts, that the UFO's could not be Soviet machines.

Certainly every Member of Congress will agree that any such danger of accidental war—even if slight—must be averted in every possible way. It is also important to prevent any unfounded fear that the UFO's are secret enemy devices.

After discussing the subject with colleagues, I am certain that there is real concern by many Members of Congress. Without necessarily accepting all the conclusions of the NICAP Board of Governors and technical advisers, we are convinced that a thorough study of the UFO problem should be made. Pending such action, I believe that publication of the NICAP report will help to reduce the dangers cited by Vice Admiral Hillenkoetter and the other NICAP officials.

For those Members desiring to do so the previously mentioned confidential report can be obtained upon request at the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, D.C.

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the same [illegible] course, and was viewed by [illegible] witnesses.

2. On the second night, Feb. 5th, [illegible] the object "exploded", emitting a brilliant blue-white flash with accompanying roar and concussion followed by "mushroom-shaped" cloud. A large, aluminum-colored object emerged from it and shot upward.

3. The red object hovered over one intersection in Hollywood for a full ten minutes on Feb. 5th, and over the identical intersection for a full 5 minutes on Feb. 5th.

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4. Efforts made by witnesses to notify police and other local officials brought no action or investigation of any sort. Only slight, inaccurate accounts of the occurrence appeared in the press.

This report was prepared especially for the purpose of alerting responsible government officials like yourself to the danger of continuing to ignore these strange aerial objects. People like myself have been asking for many years---what are these things?----why are they in our skies?----what is the reason for their strange gyrations, explosions, and other accompanying phenomena. To learn what they are for curiosity's sake is one thing, but there is another, more urgent reason for official investigation and public information. These things have been sighted often on our nation's radar defense network. It is entirely likely that one day they will be mistaken for an enemy attack force, for they often fly in groups at high speeds. They could set off a general war, as has been indicated by none other authority than General Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services. (See Foreword of Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery by Aime Michel.)

I sincerely hope you will take time to read our report. If you desire to know more regarding the personnel of our committee, I would be happy to send you additional information. I might say that we are all level-headed persons, with not an occultist, spirtualist, or crackpot among us! I will say here, that our Chairman is Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, who is director of the Bio-Electronics Laboratory of the University of Southern California, active now in space medicine research.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel
257 Sycamore Glen
Pasadena, California

[illegible] Congressman Glenard P. Lipscomb
Congressman, 24th District, [illegible]
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives Office [illegible]
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

I received your recent letter of thanks for my campaign volunteer work with much appreciation. I think it is fine when a man in your responsible position will go to the trouble to write personal thanks.

In your letter, you invited me to continue to send my views to you, and so I take this opportunity to present for your consideration a matter of intense interest to me and to a large number of my friends and acquaintances.

AF Policy
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I do not know whether this problem has been brought to your attention by any of your constituents, but colleagues of yours in the House of Representatives such as Edgar W. Hiestand, A. Sydney Herlong (Fla.), and Frank Thompson, Jr. (N.J.) have expressed concern. The problem is the official government policy of secrecy regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

For almost four years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which has its headquarters at 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., has been urging open hearings to inform the public of the actual facts concerning these objects. May I re-direct your attention to the enclosed reproduction of part of the Congressional Record of August 31st, 1960 in which the Hon. Leonard G. Wolf put down his remarks regarding NICAP, quoting such respected citizens as Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Members of the Los Angeles Subcommittee of NICAP have been investigating UFO reports over the past year, and we are frank to state that a large number of such sightings do turn out to be misidentification of conventional objects. [illegible] not all are such, as the official Air Force [illegible]. [illegible] a hard core of the unknown and unexplainable.

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To add to your information on this subject, I am sending you a detailed report of an unusual, unidentified aerial object which appeared over Hollywood, Calif. on two successive nights, February 5th and 6th, 1960. This report contains facts which are fully documented, fantastic as they seem on paper, and represents four months of research. The highlights of the report are as follows:

1. A large, mysterious, and unidentified red light appeared low over Hollywood, Calif., two nights in a row, at approximately

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21 February 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTENTION: Mr. Wilson, Team A

SUBJECT: Draft of Reply to Congressman Lipscomb

The following is a recommended reply to Congressman Leonard P. Lipscomb's letter of 14 February.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

Thank you for your letter of 14 February in which you request a basis for reply to Mrs. Ann Druffel's letter regarding unidentified flying objects.

Forwarded with Mrs. Druffel's letter was a report of an unidentified flying object supposedly observed from Hollywood, California on 5 and 6 February 1960.

A preliminary check of Air Force files has not brought to light any reports of UFOs sighted in the area on either 5 or 6 February 1960. We would, however, like to check this further. We would also like to carefully review the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena report which was forwarded to you by Mrs. Druffel.

Please consider this an interim reply. Additional information and the report will be forthcoming at an early date.

Attachments

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ANALYSIS OF HOLLYWOOD SIGHTING.

Scientific evidence, together with the testimony of many independent witnesses, form the basis for the following conclusions:

Characteristics of the red light, as described by witnesses, rule out any known form of natural phenomena (such as ball lightning, St. Elmo's fire, temperature inversion, after-image, etc.).

Aircraft, including helicopters, are obviously not the answer. The red object moved silently. A helicopter can be heard at five thousand feet elevation, and in gliding flight without power the blades can still be heard. It has been shown that the red light was less than one thousand feet, for ten minutes at one location, and approximately one thousand feet for about eight minutes at another location. Every witness, without exception declared that the red light was completely silent, both when moving and when stationary. (Explosion excepted.)

The question of a balloon being involved in the sighting, February 6, over Hollywood, was settled with finality by the information furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau (included with this report). No balloon travels against or into the wind. The red light not only moved against the wind, but remained stationary for a period of approximately ten minutes in a wind velocity of more than twenty knots, at its last stop, at an elevation of some twenty-eight thousand feet, just before shooting upwards at high speed and out of sight.

Calculations of the dull aluminum colored tubular shaped object, seen by Mr. Harold Sherman (also reported by Miss June Di Maggio) showed the object to be approximately seventy feet long. Mr. Sherman said that the length of the object appeared to be three or four times greater than the width. In round figures, this makes the tubular object twenty feet by seventy feet. It is a startling disclosure--but then, a "disembodied" red light roaming around at will, creating loud explosions and mushroom clouds, is no less startling. It is presumed the red light was attached to something of a solid nature.

By the process of elimination, and the careful study of testimony of many witnesses, the enigmatic red light appears to fall into the classification called "unknown".

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

27 May 1960

Dear Mrs. Epperson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 24 May 1960 concerning UFO sightings in February 1960 over Hollywood, Calif.

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ADDENDUM.

This report would not be complete without some mention of the psychological impact of the sighting to the witnesses themselves. The observers spoke of the red light as "eerie" or "weird" and although they were convinced at the time of the sighting that the object was unnatural, there was no panic. There was awe, excitement and apprehension, but most of all, an intense curiosity to know what it was and where it came from.

Naturally, there was much speculation--one or two thought it was a new device of our own government (and were indignant at the idea of testing it over a densely populated city). Several thought it was from Russia--a device to spy on us. They reasoned that it had made an aerial surveillance Friday night and came back Saturday night over the same spot to take a photograph. But the majority thought that whatever it was, it was from outside this world--and they were frank to declare they'd rather it was from outer space than from Russia.

Many witnesses complained that they had felt completely frustrated in their efforts to report the sighting to the "proper authorities". One witness was told to "call back on Monday".

Some were concerned over the "mushroom" shaped cloud which followed the explosion, and wondered whether there had been radiation in the area. They said, "Why wasn't an investigation made?"

Uppermost in the minds of many was the total absence of jets or military aircraft during the entire period of sighting (approximately one hour, Saturday night). (This fact is indicated on all signed reports of this sighting in files at NICAP.)

These witnesses represent a cross-section of the many hundreds who witnessed this strange phenomenon over Hollywood, two nights in succession--and without doubt reflect the thinking of all concerned. They are asking questions--serious, thoughtful questions about what is going on in our skies--and they feel they have the right to know.

STRANGE HOLLYWOOD SIGHTING PROBED BY LOS ANGELES SUBCOMMITTEE

On the nights of Feb. 5 and 6, 1960, a round flying object, plainly visible because of its red glow, appeared at a low altitude over Hollywood, Calif. On the second night, as groups in the streets watched, a flash of blue-white light, accompanied by a loud explosion, came from the hovering device.

At the same time, a cloud of smoke formed and the red light disappeared. Then an aluminum-colored, tubular object shot upward, disappearing at high speed.

Though these two sightings were fully substantiated by police and other observers, the Air Force denied receiving any reports. During a four month's careful investigation by the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS), no conventional answer could be found.

The Subcommittee investigation was headed by its Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Idabel Epperson. Dozens of witnesses, including police officers and an amateur astronomer, were located through a newspaper notice and by canvassing the sighting area, block by block. In addition, LANS checked with the U.S. Weather Bureau, airports, aircraft companies and other agencies, systematically ruling out balloons, planes, helicopters and familiar natural phenomena.

In its detailed report, LANS established these facts: The UFO, showing a distinct round shape, appeared on both nights at about 11:15 p.m. Visible until after midnight, it followed approximately the same course both times, sometimes hovering about 1000 feet above the observers (established by triangulation.) After the explosive sound and appearance of the tubular device on Feb. 6, the red-lighted UFO reappeared at a higher altitude. This was confirmed by L.A. police officers Rey Lopez and Daniel Jaffee, who saw the flash of light and smoke after hearing the explosion.

Though most of the witnesses were awed or excited, there was no panic. However, some were worried about possible radioactivity, after seeing the mushroom-like smoke cloud. Despite this, and the safety question involved in such a low-altitude incident, there is no record of action by the FAA, the Civil Aeronautics Board, or any local officials. Whether they actually assumed a conventional answer because of constant AF debunking of UFOs is not known. It is more probable they kept silent at AF request, since it would be difficult to explain away this well-witnessed sighting.

NICAP is indebted to Mrs. Epperson and the other Subcommittee members for their initiative and perseverance during this long investigation. Their success proves the value of the Subcommittee network for uncovering and documenting vital information which otherwise would be buried or forgotten. A report of this case will be added to the evidence sent to Congress.

Epperson

SAFOI-3c Coleman/gw/74065/31 Mar 61

FILE: UFOs

31 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Engle re UFO

It is suggested that a reply to Senator Engle be made along the following lines:

1. Since the early reports of UFOs were received by the Air Force, over 7,000 cases have been reported, investigated and analyzed by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject and apply scientific methods of examination in reaching their conclusions.

2. The Air Force has stated that the results of its investigations show: first, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary spaceships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represent technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge; and fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of our country.

3. With regard to Mrs. Epperson's reference to "the policy of admit-nothing, deny everything" I am inclosing a copy of Air Force Regulation 200-2 which provides details on the investigative procedures followed by the Air Force. Also inclosed is a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet concerning UFOs.

4. Mrs. Epperson called particular attention to a sighting which occurred over a year ago in the Los Angeles, California area. It is interesting to note that although she contends the object was observed by large numbers of people, no report of it had been received until earlier this year (1961). At this late date we are unable to ascertain accurately the cause for this

sighting. However, if prompt and accurate information had been received, I am sure this matter would have been resolved to your satisfaction.

5. As you know, a large portion of the so-called UFO sightings are determined to be every day objects and it is the belief of the Air Force that if detailed information were readily available, all sightings could be explained satisfactorily.

6. Mrs. Epperson indicated in her letter that the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private UFO group, has for several years been writing the Congress to conduct open hearings on this subject. The Air Force has no objection to such hearings and, in fact, welcomes every opportunity to provide the Congress and the public with information on this subject.

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  1. L&L Correspondence packet
  2. AFR 200-2
  3. Fact Sheet

C. E. THOMSON
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Public Information
Division
Office of Information

SAFOI-3c Comeback
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UFO

APR 1961

Dear Senator Engle:

This is in response to your inquiry of March 22, 1961, in behalf of Mrs. I. E. Epperson with regard to the Air Force handling of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings and information.

Since the early reports of UFOs were received by the Air Force, over 7,000 cases have been reported, investigated and analyzed by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject and apply scientific methods of examination in reaching their conclusions.

The Air Force has stated that the results of its investigations show that there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; and that there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary spaceships. Also there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represent technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge or are a threat to the security of our country.

With regard to Mrs. Epperson's reference to "the policy of admit-nothing, deny everything" I am inclosing a copy of Air Force Regulation 200-2 which provides details on the investigative procedures followed by the Air Force. Also inclosed is a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet concerning UFOs.

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I hope this information will be useful. If we can assist you further in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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3 Inclosures
1. AFR 200-2 2. News Release 53-61, Jan 19, 61.
3. Ltr fm consti to Sen 9 Mar w/incls

Honorable Clair Engle

United States Senate

M/R:
28 Mar: Rec'd L&L & Tm A. Case cons of RS fm Sen 22 Mar w/lstd incl. Fwrded to SAFOI for info.
3 Apr: Rec'd memo fm SAFOI w/info for fnl ltr.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, SAF-OS
ATTENTION: Mr. Wilson, SAF-LLI

SUBJECT: Congressional Referral on UFOs

Attached is a draft of a letter to Congressman Lipscomb who requested information on which to base a reply to Mrs. Ann Druffel, 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, California.

JESSE E. STAY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Public Information Division
Office of Information

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1. Draft of Reply
2. Blue Book Report

DRAFT/SAF-OIPB/Mrs Hunt/74425/12 Feb 65

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

There is no truth to the allegation that our Government withholds or censors any information on unidentified flying objects. The results of all Air Force investigations have always been made available to bona fide news representatives and scientific researchers. Press releases are issued as warranted, and an annual report on the project is available to the public. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

The UFO incident over Hollywood, California, in 1960 which Mrs. Druffel refers to in her letter was not submitted to the Air Force for evaluation. Consequently, we have no information on the report.

Mrs. Druffel should be advised that the Air Force defines an unidentified flying object as any aerial object which the observer is unable to identify. It has been our experience in our endeavor to identify such objects that the cause of these sightings is usually a misinterpretation of natural or conventional objects. Examples of this are balloons, birds, aircraft, condensation trails, satellites, astronomical bodies, and meteorological phenomena. The cases which remain unsolved, however, have not given any indication that the cause of the sighting was of an interplanetary nature. Our success in investigating and evaluating UFO reports leads us to the conclusion that all sightings could be logically explained if sufficient evidence was presented.

The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena report, "The UFO Evidence", has been reviewed by the Air Force. The report is a voluminous collection of reports, facts, opinions, excerpts,of investigative reports, and correspondence all designed to support the conclusion of NICAP that UFOs are a problem of national importance.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States. The evaluations and conclusions reached by the Air Force will be released to the public,

The former Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Carl Vinson, as recently as September of 1964, indicated his satisfaction with the conduct of the UFO program by the Air Force and stated that there is no need for Congressional hearings on this subject.

Sincerely,

GLENARD P. LIPSCOMB
24TH DIST., CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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February 2, 1965

Major General P. M. Hoisington, II
Director of Legislative Liaison
Department of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Hoisington:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Mrs. Ann Druffel, 257 Sycamore Glen, Pasadena, California concerning unidentified flying objects.

Any comments the Air Force believes could be appropriately made on Mrs. Druffel's observations will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Glenard P. Lipscomb
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

January 14, 196[illegible]

The Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb
Congressman, [illegible] District, California
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

We are pleased to offer you our congratulations again on your re-election to Congress. Since our views on national and international affairs are so similar to yours, we are grateful indeed that you can continue to be in the Capitol representing our district.

I am writing to you again on a matter about which we exchanged correspondence during January, February, and March of 1960. I know a check through your files will probably refresh your memory on your attempt to gain information from the Department of the Air Force regarding the identity of an unusual aerial object over Hollywood in February, 1960.

As you may recall, it was impossible to obtain any satisfaction at that time about the identity of that object, but sightings continue to be made over the nation (and other countries) up to the present time. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, an organization in Washington, D.C. which I wrote you about continues its interest in this subject. For the past several years, it has been working toward obtaining open Congressional hearings regarding UFO's, but so far has been blocked in accomplishment of this, mostly through the active opposition of the Air Force.

Our organization realizes that the Air Force is merely carrying out orders from some higher authority in the government, and our members admire deeply the officers and men of the Air Force as defenders of our nation. We have no quarrel with them as such. What we object to is the unwarranted veil of secrecy which the government is placing around this intriguing and important subject.

The Air Force has publicly stated that UFO's constitute no threat to the security of the United States (while at the same time paradoxically denying their very existence). Therefore our organization sees no logical reason why the truth of the continued sightings be kept from the public.

You may recall having received, a few months ago, a report in book form entitled The UFO Evidence. It was prepared by NICAP and sent to every Congressman as well as to all news media. It has received much publicity across the country, and several members of Congress continue active interest in bringing about open hearings. If you will review your copy, I am sure it will convince you of the reality of UFO's and their importance to our country.

Our organization would appreciate any interest you can show in this matter, and I would like to hear from you your reaction to The UFO Evidence.

With continued good wishes for your success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel
257 Sycamore Glen
Pasadena, California

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

9 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTENTION: Mr. Robert Wilson

SUBJECT: Additional Information for Congressman Lipscomb's Constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel

The following additional information is furnished for reply to Congressman Lipscomb on behalf of his constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

On _________________ 1961, we wrote you we had forwarded your correspondence on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Ann Druffel to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Regrettably, a representative of that Agency passed away en route to Washington and we have not yet been able to recover the documents in his possession. These included the correspondence and attachments received from Mrs. Druffel.

We do want to assure you that the subject of unidentified flying objects is important to the Air Force for the reason that we have primary responsibility for the air defense of the United States. In the performance of this important mission, it is essential we have knowledge of any grave threat, such as hostile visitors from unknown areas.

Since the early reports of unidentified flying objects were received by the Air Force, over 7,000 cases have been reported, investigated and analyzed by a selected scientific group under the supervision of the Air Force. The scientists involved in these analyses are completely objective and open-minded on the subject, and apply scientific methods of examination in reaching their conclusions.

The Air Force has stated that the results of its investigations show: first, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were inimical or hostile; second, there is no evidence that unidentified sightings were interplanetary spaceships; third, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings represent technological developments or principles outside the range of our present day scientific knowledge, and fourth, there is no evidence that these unidentified sightings are a threat to the security of our country.

Your constituent indicated in her letter that the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private UFO group, has for several years been writing Congress to conduct open hearings on this subject. The Air Force has no objection to such hearings and, in fact, welcomes every opportunity to provide Congress and the public with information on this subject. Department of Defense periodically releases information providing current status reports on Air Force UFO investigations.

Stated particularly by Mrs. Druffel was the case of a red light which appeared mysteriously over Hollywood on 5 and 6 February 1960. It is interesting to note that although she contends the object was observed by large numbers of people, no report of it had been received prior to her correspondence. At this late date, we are unable to ascertain accurately the cause for this sighting. However, if prompt and accurate information had been received, I am sure this matter would have been resolved to your satisfaction.

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Attachment

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Captain, [illegible]
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SAFLL-1/Mr Wilson/cpa/57201/10 Mar 61
SAFLL 150058

FILE: UFO

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

This is in response to your letter of February 14, 1961 in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel concerning unidentified flying objects (UFOs). I regret the delay in providing you with a final report concerning this matter but, as indicated when the case was discussed with yourooffice, it was necessary to await an investigation of the sighting reported by Mrs. Druffel.

Mrs. Druffel's correspondence was forwarded to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for investigation of the object sighted over Hollywood, California. We regret that the representative of that agency who was transporting the report to Washington passed away en route and we have not yet been able to recover the documents in his possession. These included the report of the sighting submitted by Mrs. Druffel. That report will be returned to your office as soon as the Air Force has again gained possession of it.

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I hope this information will be helpful to you. If we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

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4 Feb Rcr fm C/M to Gen Musgrave /w/incls
6 Feb Rdcd I&L and Team A. Fwded SAFOI
Mar Memo fm SAFOIk Capt Mack
) Mar Fnl ltr prepd & fwded based on above memo

Sincerely,

CARL M. NELSON
Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

1. AFR 200-2
2 Inclosures 2. Ltr fm consti to C/M dtd 31 Jan 61.

Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb

House of Representatives

January 31, 1961

The Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb
Congressman, 24th District, California
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Lipscomb:

I received your recent letter of thanks for my campaign volunteer work with much appreciation. I think it is fine when a man in your responsible position will go to the trouble to write personal thanks.

In your letter, you invited me to continue to send my views to you, and so I take this opportunity to present for your consideration a matter of intense interest to me and to a large number of my friends and acquaintances.

I do not know whether this problem has been brought to your attention by any of your constituents, but colleagues of yours in the House of Representatives such as Edgar W. Hiestand, A. Sidney Herlong (Fla.), and Frank Thompson, Jr. (N.J.) have expressed concern. The problem is the official government policy of secrecy regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

For almost four years the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which has its headquarters at 1536 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C., has been urging open hearings to inform the public of the actual facts concerning these objects. May I re-direct your attention to the enclosed reproduction of part of the Congressional Record of August 31st, 1960 in which the Hon. Leonard G. Wolf put down his remarks regarding NICAP, quoting such respected citizens as Vice Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Members of the Los Angeles Subcommittee of NICAP have been investigating UFO reports over the past year, and we are frank to state that a large number of such sightings do turn out to be misindentification of conventional objects, hoaxes, etc. But not all are such, as the official Air Force line would have us believe. There is always a hard core of the unknown and the unexplainable.

To add to your information on this subject, I am sending you a detailed report of an unusual, unidentified aerial object which appeared over Hollywood, Calif. on two successive nights, February 5th and 6th, 1960. This report contains facts which are fully documented, fantastic as they seem on paper, and represents four months of research. The highlights of the report are as follows:

1. A large, mysterious, and unidentified red light appeared low over Hollywood, Calif., two nights in a row, at approximately

the same time and following approximately the same course, and was viewed by hundreds of witnesses.

2. On the second night, Feb. 6th, 1960, the object "exploded", emitting a brilliant blue-white flash with accompanying roar and concussion followed by "mushroom-shaped" cloud. A large, aluminum-colored object emerged from it and shot upward.

3. The red object hovered over one intersection in Hollywood for a full ten minutes on Feb. 6th, and over the identical intersection for a full 5 minutes on Feb. 5th.

4. Efforts made by witnesses to notify police and other local officials brought no action or investigation of any sort. Only slight, inaccurate accounts of the occurrence appeared in the press.

This report was prepared especially for the purpose of alerting responsible government officials like yourself to the danger of continuing to ignore these strange aerial objects. People like myself have been asking for many years---what are these things?---why are they in our skies?---what is the reason for their strange gyrations, explosions, and other accompanying phenomena. To learn what they are for curiosity's sake is one thing, but there is another, more urgent reason for official investigation and public information. These things have been sighted often on our nation's radar defense network. It is entirely likely that one day they will be mistaken for an enemy attack force, for they often fly in groups at high speeds. They could set off a general war, as has been indicated by none other authority than General Chassin, NATO coordinator of Allied Air Services. (See Foreward of Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery by Aime Michel.)

I sincerely hope you will take time to read our report. If you desire to know more regarding the personnel of our committee, I would be happy to send you additional information. I might say that we are all level-headed persons, with not an occultist, spirtualist, or crackpot among us! I will say here, that our Chairman is Dr. Leslie Kaeburn, who is director of the Bio-Electronics Laboratory of the University of Southern California, active now in space medicine research.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding your opinion in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ann Druffel
257 Sycamore Glen
Passadena, California

12 April 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL

SUBJECT: Reply to Congressman Lipscomb - UFO

It is suggested that a reply to Congressman Lipscomb be made along the following lines:

Your letter of April 4, 1961, concerning unidentified flying objects in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel of Pasadena, California, has been received.

The documents possessed by the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center representative at the time of his demise (enroute to Washington from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, with several documents on different subjects, some of which were classified) were taken over by the FBI, a normal procedure under these circumstances. In essence, this report regarding the Los Angeles sighting referred to by Mrs. Druffel was inconclusive due to the fact that the Air Force was not apprised of the sighting until months after it occurred (January 1961). Consequently, we are unable to determine the cause for this sighting. We must reiterate that if prompt and accurate information had been received we would have been able to resolve the matter to your satisfaction.

It is true that the Air Force has personnel in the Los Angeles area. As a matter of interest the Ballistic Systems Division and the Space Systems Division of the Air Force Systems Command (formerly the Air Research and Development Command) are located in the Inglewood, California area. It is believed that had any Air Force personnel witnessed the sighting and could not resolve in their minds what they saw, it would have been expeditiously reported as provided in the Air Force Regulation 200-2.

Regarding Mrs. Druffel's comments pertaining to Congressional Hearings on the subject of UFOs, the only elaboration we can make is that on several occasions various members of the Congress and several Congressional committees have evidenced an interest in the unidentified flying object program and have received informal briefings by Aerospace

Technical Intelligence Center personnel on the conduct of this program. The subject of open hearings has been discussed with members of the Congress and their Administrative Assistants and the conclusion to date has been that an adequate program is being conducted by the Air Force and hearings are not necessary. Nevertheless, the Air Force stands ready to cooperate with the Congress in this matter at any time overriding considerations dictate a need for such public hearings.

Our comments made in paragraph two above apply concerning part three of Mrs. Druffel's letter.

With regard to part four of her letter, we must point out that detailed information must be readily available in close proximity to the time of the sighting if an objective analysis is to be made. The Air Force has a group of highly qualified scientists who meticulously analyze the facts of such sightings.

I hope that the above information proves helpful. Should you require further assistance in this matter please let me know.

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  Correspondence packet

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

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SAFLL-1/Mr. Wilson/prm/57201/13Apr61
SAFLL 158401

FILE: UFO

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

This is in response to your letter of April 4, 1961, in behalf of Mrs. Ann Druffel, concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO's). ¶Mrs. Druffel indicates her feeling that some analysis must have been made to her UFO sighting since the representative of the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) passed away while transporting the report to Washington. In this connection, the documents possessed by the ATIC representative at the time of his demise were taken over by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a normal procedure under these circumstances. These documents related to several subjects, some of which were classified. However, the only document relating to the report submitted by Mrs. Druffel was the report itself, which had been transmitted to ATIC for possible analysis. In essence, this report was inconclusive due to the fact that the Air Force was not apprised of the sighting until months after it had occurred. The Air Force was thus unable to determine the cause for the sighting.

It is true that the Air Force has personnel stationed in the Los Angeles area. It is believed that had any of these personnel witnessed the sighting referred to by Mrs. Druffel and could not resolve what they had witnessed, an expeditious report would have been rendered as provided in Air Force Regulation 200-2.

With respect to Mrs. Druffel's comments pertaining to Congressional hearings on the subject of UFO's, various Members of Congress and several Congressional Committees have evidenced interest in the past in the UFO program, and have received informal briefings by ATIC personnel on the conduct of this program. The subject of open hearings has been discussed on many occasions with various Members of Congress, and the conclusion to date has been that an adequate program is being conducted by the Air Force and that hearings are not necessary. The Air Force stands ready to cooperate with the Congress at any time overriding considerations dictate a need for hearings in this matter. ¶Detailed information must be readily available in the close proximity to the time of a UFO sighting if an objective analysis is to be made. The Air Force has a group of highly qualified scientists who meticulously analyze the facts of such sightings. However, where the information is received at such a late date, as was the case with the Los Angeles sighting, comprehensive analysis is not possible.

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Letter to Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb (Continued)

I hope the foregoing information will be useful. If we can do anything further to assist you in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Glenard P. Lipscomb

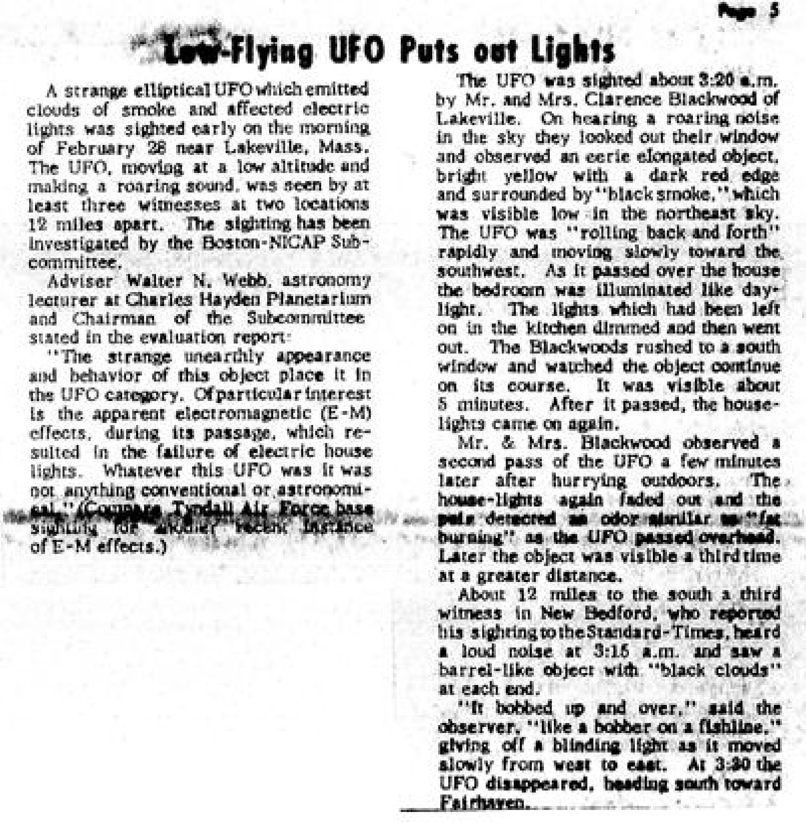
House of Representatives

M/R
4 Apr - Ltr fr C/M to Gen Musgrave w/incls
7 Apr - Recd LL & Team A
10 Apr - Fwd SAFOI for prep draft reply
12 Apr - Memo fr OI (Maj Coleman)
13 Apr - FL prep & fwd based on OI memo

No Case (Information Only)

28 February 1961 Massachusetts
Lakeville, [redacted]

On February 28, 1961 an elongated UFO, yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke" illuminated the ground for 5 minutes near a house at Lakeville, Massachusetts. It caused the failure of electric lights in the house, but when the UFO moved from the area the house lights came on again. On its second pass above the house an odor like 'fat burning' was detected.



Low-Flying UFO Puts out Lights

A strange elliptical UFO which emitted clouds of smoke and affected electric lights was sighted early on the morning of February 28 near Lakeville, Mass. The UFO, moving at a low altitude and making a roaring sound, was seen by at least three witnesses at two locations 12 miles apart. The sighting has been investigated by the Boston-NICAP Subcommittee.

Adviser Walter N. Webb, astronomy lecturer at Charles Hayden Planetarium and Chairman of the Subcommittee stated in the evaluation report:

"The strange unearthly appearance and behavior of this object place it in the UFO category. Of particular interest is the apparent electromagnetic (E-M) effects, during its passage, which resulted in the failure of electric house lights. Whatever this UFO was it was not anything conventional or astronomical." (Compare Tyndall Air Force base sighting for another recent instance of E-M effects.)

The UFO was sighted about 3:20 a.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blackwood of Lakeville. On hearing a roaring noise in the sky they looked out their window and observed an eerie elongated object, bright yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke," which was visible low in the northeast sky. The UFO was "rolling back and forth" rapidly and moving slowly toward the southwest. As it passed over the house the bedroom was illuminated like daylight. The lights which had been left on in the kitchen dimmed and then went out. The Blackwoods rushed to a south window and watched the object continue on its course. It was visible about 5 minutes. After it passed, the house-lights came on again.

Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood observed a second pass of the UFO a few minutes later after hurrying outdoors. The house-lights again faded out and the pair detected an odor similar to "fat burning" as the UFO passed overhead. Later the object was visible a third time at a greater distance.

About 12 miles to the south a third witness in New Bedford, who reported his sighting to the Standard-Times, heard a loud noise at 3:15 a.m. and saw a barrel-like object with "black clouds" at each end.

"It bobbed up and over," said the observer, "like a bobber on a fishline," giving off a blinding light as it moved slowly from west to east. At 3:30 the UFO disappeared, heading south toward Fairhaven.

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Lakeville, [redacted]

On February 28, 1961 an elongated UFO, yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke" illuminated the ground for 5 minutes near a house at Lakeville, Massachusetts. It caused the failure of electric lights in the house, but when the UFO moved from the area the house lights came on again. On its second pass above the house an odor like 'fat burning' was detected.

Low-Flying UFO Puts out Lights

A strange elliptical UFO which emitted clouds of smoke and affected electric lights was sighted early on the morning of February 28 near Lakeville, Mass. The UFO, moving at a low altitude and making a roaring sound, was seen by at least three witnesses at two locations 12 miles apart. The sighting has been investigated by the Boston-NICAP Subcommittee.

Adviser Walter N. Webb, astronomy lecturer at Charles Hayden Planetarium and Chairman of the Subcommittee stated in the evaluation report:

"The strange unearthly appearance and behavior of this object place it in the UFO category. Of particular interest is the apparent electromagnetic (E-M) effects, during its passage, which resulted in the failure of electric house lights. Whatever this UFO was it was not anything conventional or astronomical." (Compare Tyndall Air Force base sighting for another recent instance of E-M effects.)

The UFO was sighted about 3:20 a.m. by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blackwood of Lakeville. On hearing a roaring noise in the sky they looked out their window and observed an eerie elongated object, bright yellow with a dark red edge and surrounded by "black smoke," which was visible low in the northeast sky. The UFO was "rolling back and forth" rapidly and moving slowly toward the southwest. As it passed over the house the bedroom was illuminated like daylight. The lights which had been left on in the kitchen dimmed and then went out. The Blackwoods rushed to a south window and watched the object continue on its course. It was visible about 5 minutes. After it passed, the house-lights came on again.

Mr. & Mrs. Blackwood observed a second pass of the UFO a few minutes later after hurrying outdoors. The house-lights again faded out and the pair detected an odor similar to "fat burning" as the UFO passed overhead. Later the object was visible a third time at a greater distance.

About 12 miles to the south a third witness in New Bedford, who reported his sighting to the Standard-Times, heard a loud noise at 3:15 a.m. and saw a barrel-like object with "black clouds" at each end.

"It bobbed up and over," said the observer, "like a bobber on a fishline," giving off a blinding light as it moved slowly from west to east. At 3:30 the UFO disappeared, heading south toward Fairhaven.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
25-26 Juen 1963

2. LOCATION
Weymouth, Massachusetts

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local night
GMT not reported

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
not reported

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
not reported

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Allege photo of object in or near Weymouth Rockland Massachusetts. Several reports of object being photographed by a newspaper Staff reporter. Reported as a time exposure.

Note: Article attached to sighting from same city, same date, No correlation established between visual sighting and photo.

11. COMMENTS

Copies of the photograph were requested for evaluation, however after a delay of more than four months no reply was received. Cannot evaluate without photos. Insufficient data for evaluation.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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Request for UFO Information

Richard Pothier
Patriot Ledger, Staff Reporter
Quincy, Massachusetts

Dear Mr Pothier:

A sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported to the U S Air Force. The sighting took place on 25-26 Jun 63 in the Weymouth, Rockland area. It is our understanding that you took a photograph of this object. We would appreciate borrowing the negative or a copy of this photo or slide. We would return this negative or photo to you upon completion of our photographic analysis. We would also appreciate the following information:

> At what time and date was the photo taken?
> In what direction was the camera facing when the photo was taken?
> At what elevation was the photo taken?

Please mail the negative or photo and the information to:
FTD (TDEW), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Sincerely,

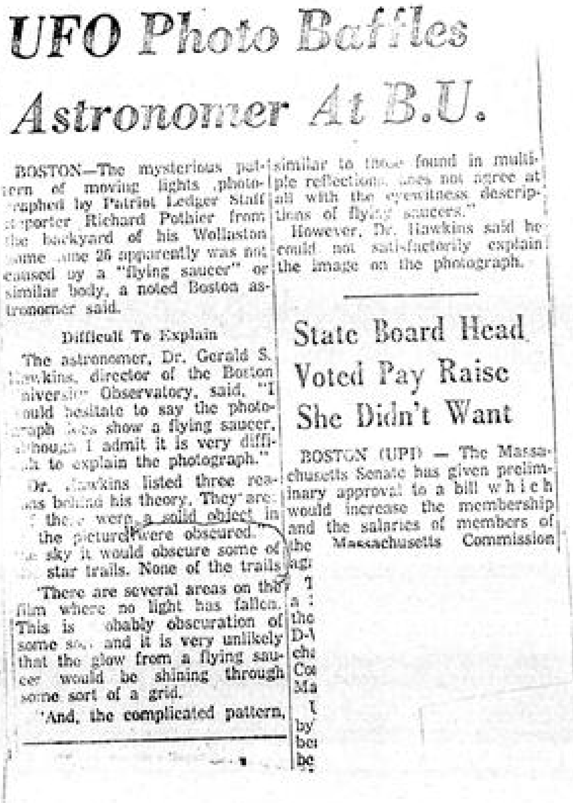
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

SOURCE: SAUCER NEWS DEC 63

...A still photograph of a UFO, taken by a reporter on the Quincy, Massachusetts, Patriot Ledger, has baffled Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, who is director of the Boston University Observatory and staff astronomer at the Harvard College Observatory. The picture was snapped on July 26th by reporter Richard Pothier from the back yard of his home. It shows a mysterious pattern of lights which the noted astronomer, who personally examined the picture, was unable to explain. Said Dr. Hawkins: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also stated that the picture "comes very close to scientific evidence about UFO's."...

26 June 1963
Weymouth, Mass

Source: Quincy, Mass Patriot Ledger of Tuesday, 30 July 1963



UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer At B.U.

BOSTON—The mysterious pattern of moving lights photographed by Patriot Ledger Staff reporter Richard Pothier from the backyard of his Wollaston home June 26 apparently was not caused by a "flying saucer" or similar body, a noted Boston astronomer said.

Difficult To Explain

The astronomer, Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, director of the Boston University Observatory, said, "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer, although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph."

Dr. Hawkins listed three reasons behind his theory. They are: If there were a solid object in the picture sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails were obscured.

"There are several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of a grid.

"And, the complicated pattern, similar to those found in multiple reflections, does not agree at all with the eyewitness descriptions of flying saucers."

However, Dr. Hawkins said he could not satisfactorily explain the image on the photograph.

State Board Head Voted Pay Raise She Didn't Want

BOSTON (UPI) — The Massachusetts Senate has given preliminary approval to a bill which would increase the membership and the salaries of members of the Massachusetts Commission

Raymond E. Fowler

From: Raymond E. Fowler,
13 Friend Court,
Wenham, Mass.

July 24, 1965

Mr. Darrell Bissonnette
853 West Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dear Darrell:

Thank you for your letter of July 17. I was very glad to get the clipping. I heard about this UFO but had not seen a copy of it until your letter arrived.

There are many different ways in which this UFO could have come about. First of all, remember that the man did not see anything in the sky. He was just taking pictures of the stars and the trails show clearly. It is very easy to get a film light struck. First of all this can happen in the developing. There may be some fault in the developer which can produce this sort of defect. The person might have had a shutter that stuck and momentarily at least as he waved his camera around happened to point it toward a fairly bright light. The shutter might not stick again. I know of several UFOs that are due to this effect. Also in loading or unloading the camera he might have inadvertently exposed the film. It would be interesting to know whether this was either the first or the last film on the reel. Sometimes a mirror mechanical abrasion can cause development of the image. We are not sure whether the man who took the picture did the development or not. There have been many similar unexpected images on photographic films that have been reported as UFOs, some very similar to this. He says that he took precautions so that an automobile headlight would not shine into the lens. But I would like to know whether he used a flashlight or not. Sometimes the light from a flashlamp, even if not directly shining in the lens, will shine in indirectly reflected perhaps from a wristwatch or a ring. The fact that some one of the UFO "study groups" confirmed that this was a true UFO does not impress me. Nor does the statement that this group "works closely with the Air Force," which is manifestly inaccurate and probably untrue. The rectangular motions are of no significance either. The only reported angular movements that I know of are those on radar, not on visual saucers. Nor would I completely rule out the "playful child'". The argument about the focus does not convince because secondary reflections could have occured that would have produced this sort of an effect. I would like to see an enlargement or copy (in color) of the original. I should also like to ask the photographer whether his camera automatically shifts the frame or not. I am trying to eliminate the possibility of an accidental double exposure.

He states that "what it photographed was definitely in the sky." He further states that he kept the camera in constant view. But he also said that he had not seen the object. I maintain that there is no proof that it was defintely in the sky or that it was something that had moved into the cameras view, hovered in at least seven spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view.

I definitely discount the statement of Putnam concerning the report of the two West Quincy girls. There have been far too many "confirmations" of this sort. Does he not at least produce a pre-dated paper reporting this siting by the West Quincy girls?

Sorry to be such a skeptic. I don't know whether any group is checking up on the picture. They would not normally be doing so unless he actually sent pictures to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Field, Dayton Ohio. I hope that my reply has at least communicated some of my scientific skepticism in the interpretation. I am quite sure that the person who made the observation is honest and reliable, But if he is an expert photographer, he should know that what I have daid about possible defects is true. I am, therefore, sending him a copy of my letter.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that my new book, "The World of Flying Saucers," published by Doubleday, written jointly by myself and Mrs. Lyle Boyd, will be on the bookstands in just a few days. I deal with photographic saucers there, in one of the chapters.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Cordially yours,

Donald H. Menzel
Director

DHM/sc

cc: Richard Pothier

bcc: Col. Friend

Information Only
Source: APRO Bulletin, November 1963

25 - 26 June 1963
Wollaston, Mass.

News Photog Snaps UFO

APRO HAS in its possession a colored slide of an object photographed on time exposure by news photographer Dick Pothier of Wollaston, Mass. In a bylined story in the Quincy Patroit-Ledger, Mr. Pothier described his experience which took place on either the 25th or 26th of June 1963.

Pothier was taking time photos of stars in order to record the tracks of same, from his back yard at Wollaston, Mass. His equipment consisted of a Japanese 35 mm. camera on a tripod. He was using Kodachrome X film. Other than checking the distance he did not touch the equipment until 30 minutes after he opened the shutter, when he returned to close it.

Two weeks later Potheir had the film developed. On the slide he immediately spotted something which shouldn't have been there—a clear pattern of lights which moved into the camera's view, hovered in at least 10 spots, maneuvered, then left the camera's view again.

In Pothier's own words: "The time exposure was able to capture all this, and the intensity of the lights on the color slide clearly show just where the lights stopped and moved, leaving either an image of the lights or a colored track. In back of the orange, white and silver lights and tracks were the star trails which was originally the purpose of one of the shots."

Pothier eventually showed the photo slide to Stephen Putnam, a mechanical engineer, APRO member and President of the Two-State UFO Group, of Egypt, Mass. Putnam, in a statement to the Patriot-Ledger said after a three-hour study of the slide, that the lights seemed to be arranged on a single object which never changed its attitude relative to the ground, and appeared to make 90 degree turns without turning itself. Because the lights ranged in color from orange to white to silver, never changed their relative position, they were apparently mounted on the same frame-

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work, he said.

"Except for a brilliant orange nucleus, which remained in a central position, no matter which way the object stopped, turned or paused, the lights defy interpretation," Putnam said.

Putnam pointed out that the structure of the object would be invisible on the slide, as it was, just as a night picture of a car would show only headlights.

Obviously the lights were not caused by a balloon or airplane and the color of the lights precludes the helicopter explanation. The focus of the camera was set at infinity, thus ruling out close-in objects such as fireflies, etc.

For camera enthusiasts, Pothier elucidates the details about his: It was a Heiland Pentax 35 mm. with an FL-55 mm. lens. The film was Kodachrome X,-ASA 64—lens wide open and set for infinity.

Exit and entrance trails of the object which made the image are very dim indicating that whatever it was is was either accelerating rapidly or descending into camera range during its exit and entrance upon the scene. In a letter dated August 5, John T. Hopf, APRO's photo analyst, had this to say: "There is no question but that this is a real image of some light source, we have positively ruled out processing or film defects. I don't agree with the Harvard astronomer who said that if there was a solid body behind the light it would obscure the star trails. I know from my own experience that an object passing in front of the stars for a short time will not show an effect on the trails in an exposure as long as 30 minutes as this one was. I think this photo is worth running in the Bulletin although we will probably never know just what caused it. I have talked to the fellow (Pothier) at great length, and believe him when he says that no accidental double exposure occurred. I happen to own one of the same cameras (Pentax) and will will make some tests myself when I get a chance, but don't expect to duplicate the photo."

After Pothier's story the Patriot-Ledger carried an account in its July 30 edition which was headlined: "UFO Photo Baffles Astronomer at B.U." and quotes Dr. Gerald S. Hawkins, Director of the Boston University Observatory: "I would hesitate to say the photograph does show a flying saucer although I admit it is very difficult to explain the photograph." He also said: "If there were a solid object in the sky it would obscure some of the star trails. None of the trails in the picture were obscured. There were several areas on the film where no light has fallen. This is probably obscuration of some sort and it is very unlikely that the glow from a flying saucer would be shining through some sort of grid. And, the complicated pattern, similar to those found in multiple reflections, does not agree at all with the eyewitness descriptions of flying saucers."

It is obvious from Dr. Hawkins' comments that he has had little experience with the study and research of flying saucers. Mr. Hopf has deftly and correctly disputed Hawkins' theory about the obscuration of star trails, and most UFO experts, upon seeing the slide, remark about the similarity between the color and apparent placement of lights and the many sightings which describe almost those exact characteristics.

It would seem the UFOs suddenly attained some sort of legitimacy after being commented upon by Dr. Hawkins, for shortly, Pothier and others received accounts of various UFO sightings in the area.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
26 June 1963

2. LOCATION
Weymouth, Massachusetts

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0100
GMT 26/0600Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
one minute

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Obj observed as two white lights and dark area in the middle by couple who awoke to a humming sound. Looked out window and saw obj. Report indicates that obj was observed in the SW and disappeared after a flight of one min in the NE. Wife did not observer obj very long. Got scared and hid under covers after initial observation. Principal witness continued to observe obj. Total duration of one min. Obj had light on top and light on bottom as bright as two lamp post lights. Edges outlined because of these lights.

11. COMMENTS
News report indicates orange light on top and white light on bottom. No explanation as to how witness observed obj in SW and observed disappearance IN NE while looking from one window. Witness to sound next door thought obj (sound) was normal jet a/c, /flight, lights and general pattern of this sighting indicate an a/c observation. Nothing other than the shape as described by a sleepy witness, indicates this to be anything other than a normal a/c observation.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☒ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other__________
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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[illegible] July [illegible]

[illegible] Court
Wenham, Mass.

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

Attention: Major Carl R. Hart

Dear Major Hart: (Or, To whom it may concern)

Enclosed is a packet of information concerning what I believe to be an excellent UFO report even by itself, although it is supported by other sightings and an unexplained photograph in the same area and general time.

I have studied the UFO problem since 1947, and, during this time have come to a tentative conclusion that another race is probing our planet, as fantastic as it seems. Having served as an Intercept Operator in the USAF Security Service in the early fifties, I have been especially interested in the way(s) the USAF has handled UFO's over the years as regarding releases of UFO information to the public.

I am a member of the "gad-flies", i.e. NICAP, APRO and a local group from which I try to sift out "good" UFO Reports. I do not concur with all that these organizations state. I have read and found Ruppelt's book very helpful as well as Keyhoe's works. NICAP and the USAF seem to be both doing their best, in their own ways, to deal with UFO's.

At present I am an Administrative Assistant for Sylvania and am working in the Minuteman Program Office. We are developing an advanced electronics system for Minuteman as you know. I trust that the information I am sending will be of some help. The Gilberti family are willing to answer any more questions the USAF may have although I realize that your present policy "seems" to have relinquished interviews because of the publicity involved.

I can see both the dangers in telling the public and in not telling the public what the USAF has found out so far concerning UFO's. I feel in the long run that an informed public is best even though many answers are not known. I trust the USAF is preparing or has prepared a public indoctrination program on UFO's to employ in the future. My concern is that the USAF may wait until the UFO problem might worsen. It could you know. It may be too late then.

Yours Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler

Raymond E. Fowler

FROM: RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT
WENHAM, MASS

FIRST CLASS

ATIC - USAF
UFOB
WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB
DAYTON, OHIO

13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING - 26 JUNE 63; 1:00 AM; E. WEYMOUTH, MASS

DATE: 29 JULY 1963

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
(Member: NICAP; APRO; MASS-R.I. TWO STATE UFO STUDY GRP)

TO: LIST

E. Gilberti	(1)
USAF - ATIC	(1)
NICAP	(1)
APRO	(1)
MASS/RI GRP	(1)

On the evening of July 28, 1963 my brother and I interviewed two families on Commercial Street, East Weymouth, Massachusetts in regard to the sighting of an unidentified flying object which was seen, heard, and photographed in the Southshore area during the night of June 25th and the early morning hours of June 26, 1963.

Attached is a photostat of a completed UFO Data Sheet which is based upon a USAF Technical Information Sheet. The drawings of the UFO were done by Mr. Enrico Gilberti. We went through the form together objectively filling in the information. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti signed the completed form. The following is a brief account of our interview with them and a family who live next door.

THE MERRILL INTERVIEW - 348 Commercial Street

Upon arriving in the Gilberti neighborhood, we first interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Merrill who live next door to the Gilberti's. Mr. Merrill works an evening shift and had just gotten into bed shortly before he and his wife heard a very loud "humming vibrating sound" AT ABOUT 1:00 A.M. JUNE 26. He said the sound was not that of an airplane. He is familiar with the sound of airplanes as he had flown in B-17's during World War II and later served during the Korean War. His wife, because the sound was so peculiar, asked him to get out of bed to see what it could be. However, he felt too tired to get out of bed.

THE GILBERTI INTERVIEW - 344 Commercial Street

Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti were awakened about 1:00 A.M. on June 26, 1963 by an "un-godly sound - like a slow moving jet" - is the best they could describe it. Their bed was pulled up to the back window so as to keep cool. Their heads were near the window and they both looked out. Mrs. Gilberti saw the UFO and was terrified, jumping under the covers. Mr. Gilberti observed the object for approximately one minute. "It", he said, was like "two hamburger buns one on top of another with a sandwiched piece of meat protruding around." Its outline was seen because of two lights on the object, one on the top and one on the bottom which were shaped like "Turkish Fez hats". It hovered momentarily, slowly moved at a height of about 100 feet over trees about 300 feet away, crossed power lines stretch across a field in back of their house, until it disappeared from view. "Janet (Mrs. Gilberti) was so shaken she could not get to sleep," he said. "We talked about it until 4:30 A.M.".

Mrs. Gilberti called the Naval Air Station around 8:30 A.M. and someone there took her name and telephone number saying they would call her later, but no call came. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti cautiously asked their neighbors if they had heard a sound during the night. The three neighbors they asked all had heard a loud sound but did not get out of bed to look as they had dismissed it as a low-flying jet.

At first the Gilberti's were reluctant to tell anyone what they had seen. Later,-after the Patriot Ledger, a local Quincy newspaper, published a photo taken by Richard Pothier one of its reporters of a UFO in the skies that same night (July 25th) along with reports of visual sightings of a UFO, - the Gilberti's told their story to the Patriot Ledger (See photostat of news-clipping attached to data sheet).

The Gilberti's said they had no idea what the object could have been but were certain it was not an airplane or a helicopter. Both families (The Gilberti's and the Merrill's) were sincere and my brother and I were convinced that they had seen and/or heard what they had described - an Unidentified Flying Object.

Yours Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler and Richard A. Fowler

USAF-ATIC

UFO DATA SHEET

WHEN DID YOU SEE THE OBJECT?

[illegible] JUNE 1963
DAY MONTH YEAR

2. TIME OF DAY: 1200
HOUR MINUTES

(CIRCLE ONE): [✓ A.M.] or P.M.

TIME ZONE:

(CIRCLE ONE):
a. [✓ EASTERN]
b. CENTRAL
c. MOUNTAIN
d. PACIFIC
e. OTHER

(CIRCLE ONE):
a. [✓ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME]
b. STANDARD TIME

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

344 COMMERCIAL ST. | E. WEYMOUTH | MASSACHUSETTS
NEAREST POSTAL ADDRESS | CITY OR TOWN | STATE OR COUNTRY

ADDITIONAL REMARKS: HEARD SOUND WHILE SLEEPING IN BED SOUND WOKE THEM. "LOUD." HE AND WIFE LOOKED OUT BEDSIDE WINDOW. BOTH SAW IT.

5. ESTIMATE HOW LONG YOU SAW THE OBJECT. ____ 1 ____
HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

5.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 5.

a. CERTAIN
b. [✓ FAIRLY CERTAIN]
c. NOT VERY SURE
d. JUST A GUESS

WHAT WAS THE CONDITION OF THE SKY?

(CIRCLE ONE):
a. BRIGHT DAYLIGHT
b. DULL DAYLIGHT
c. BRIGHT TWILIGHT
d. JUST A TRACE OF DAYLIGHT
e. [✓ NO TRACE OF DAYLIGHT]
f. DON'T REMEMBER

IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT DURING DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, OR DAWN, WHERE WAS THE SUN LOCATED AS YOU LOOKED AT THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE):
a. IN FRONT OF YOU
b. IN BACK OF YOU
c. TO YOUR RIGHT
d. TO YOUR LEFT
e. OVERHEAD
f. DON'T REMEMBER

8. IF YOU SAW THE OBJECT AT NIGHT, TWILIGHT, OR DAWN, WHAT DID YOU NOTICE CONCERNING THE STARS AND MOON?

8.1 STARS (CIRCLE ONE):
- a. NONE
- b. A FEW
- c. MANY
- [✓ d. DON'T REMEMBER]

8.2 MOON (CIRCLE ONE):
- a. BRIGHT MOONLIGHT
- b. DULL MOONLIGHT
- c. NO MOONLIGHT-PITCH DARK
- [✓ d. DON'T REMEMBER]

9. WAS THE OBJECT BRIGHTER THAN THE BACKGROUND OF THE SKY?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. YES [✓ b. NO] c. DON'T REMEMBER

LIGHTS BRT AS LAMPOST LIGHT

10. IF IT WAS BRIGHTER THAN THE SKY BACKGROUND, WAS THE BRIGHTNESS LIKE THAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHT?:

- a. A MILE OR MORE AWAY(a distant car)?
- b. SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY?
- C. A BLOCK AWAY?
- d. SEVERAL YARDS AWAY?
- e. OTHER 2 LIGHTS BRIGHT AS LAMPPOST LIGHTS

11. DID THE OBJECT: (CIRCLE ONE FOR EACH QUESTION)

a. APPEAR TO STAND STILL AT ANY TIME?	[✓ YES]	NO	DON'T KNOW
b. SUDDENLY SPEED UP AND RUSH AWAY AT ANY TIME?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
c. BREAK UP INTO PARTS OR EXPLODE?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
d. GIVE OFF SMOKE?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
e. CHANGE BRIGHTNESS?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
f. CHANGE SHAPE?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
g. FLICKER, THROB, OR PULSATE?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW

12. DID THE OBJECT MOVE BEHIND SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS A CLOUD?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW.

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IT MOVED BEHIND: ____________

13. DID THE OBJECT MOVE IN FRONT OF SOMETHING AT ANY TIME, SUCH AS A CLOUD?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW.

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN TELL WHAT IT MOVED BEHIND: ____________

14. DID THE OBJECT APPEAR: (CIRCLE ONE): [✓ a. SOLID?] b. TRANSPARENT?
c. DON'T KNOW.

15. DID YOU OBSERVE THE OBJECT THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

a. EYEGLASSES YES NO
b. SUN GLASSES YES NO
c. WINDSHIELD YES NO
d. WINDOW GLASS YES NO

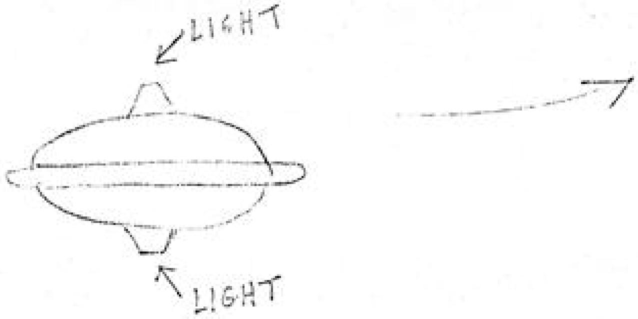
e. BINOCULARS YES NO
f. TELESCOPE YES NO
g. THEODOLITE YES NO
h. OTHER SCREEN

16. TELL IN A FEW WORDS THE FOLLOWING THINGS ABOUT THE OBJECT.

a. SOUND VERY LOUD. LIKE SLOW MOVING JET

b. COLOR COULD NOT MAKE OUT COLOR—GRAY & DARK

17. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS. LABEL AND INCLUDE IN YOUR SKETCH ANY DETAILS OF THE OBJECT THAT YOU SAW SUCH AS WINGS, PROTRUSIONS, ETC., AND ESPECIALLY EXHAUST TRAILS OR VAPOUR TRAILS. PLACE AN ARROW BESIDE THE DRAWING TO SHOW THE DIRECTION THE OBJECT WAS MOVING.



18. THE EDGES OF THE OBJECT WERE: (CIRCLE ONE:)

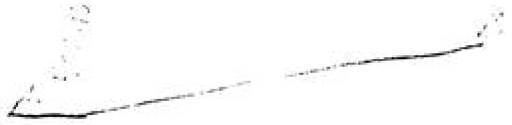
a. FUZZY OR BLURRED
b. LIKE A BRIGHT STAR
c. SHARPLY OUTLINED

d. DON'T REMEMBER
e. OTHER MADE OUT OUTLINE BECAUSE OF LIGHTS

19. IF THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OBJECT, THEN HOW MANY WERE THERE? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were moving.

20. DRAW A PICTURE THAT WILL SHOW THE MOTION THAT THE OBJECTS OR OBJECT MADE. PLACE AN "A" AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PATH AND A "B" AT THE END OF THE PATH, AND SHOW ANY CHANGES IN DIRECTION DURING THE COURSE OF FLIGHT.



21. IF POSSIBLE, TRY TO GUESS OR ESTIMATE WHAT THE REAL SIZE OF THE OBJECT WAS IN ITS LONGEST DIMENSION 30 (Feet).
"ABOUT SIZE OF 10 WHEEL TRAILER TRUCK"

22. HOW LARGE DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS APPEAR AS COMPARED WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS HELD IN THE HAND AND AT ABOUT ARM'S LENGTH?

(CIRCLE ONE):
a. HEAD OF A PIN
b. PEA
c. DIME
d. NICKEL
e. QUARTER
f. HALF-DOLLAR
g. SILVER DOLLAR
h. BASEBALL
i. GRAPEFRUIT
[✓ j. BASKETBALL]
k. OTHER BETWEEN SIZE J & K

22.1 CIRCLE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO INDICATE HOW CERTAIN YOU ARE OF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 22.

[✓ a. CERTAIN]
b. FAIRLY CERTAIN
c. NOT VERY SURE
d. UNCERTAIN

23. HOW DID THE OBJECT OR OBJECTS DISAPPEAR FROM VIEW? OUT OF VIEW AS WENT OUT OF LINE OF SIGHT

24. IN ORDER THAT YOU CAN GIVE US CLEAR A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT YOU SAW, WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO IMAGINE THAT YOU COULD CONSTRUCT THE OBJECT THAT YOU SAW. OF WHAT TYPE MATERIAL WOULD YOU MAKE IT? HOW LARGE WOULD IT BE, AND WHAT SHAPE WOULD IT HAVE? DESCRIBE IN YOUR OWN WORDS A COMMON OBJECT OR OBJECTS WHICH WHEN PLACED UP IN THE SKY WOULD GIVE THE SAME APPEARANCE AS THE OBJECT WHICH YOU SAW.

[illegible] LIKE A HAMBURGER - MEAT STICKING OUT.
[illegible] KNOW WHAT WOULD MAKE IT OUT OF. WAS
GRAY

25. WHERE WERE YOU LOCATED WHEN YOU SAW THE OBJECT(s)? (CIRCLE ONE):

[✓ a. INSIDE A BUILDING]
b. IN A CAR
c. OUTDOORS
d. IN AN AIRPLANE
e. AT SEA
f. OTHER________________

26. WERE YOU(CIRCLE ONE):

a. IN BUSINESS SECTION OF CIT
[✓ b. IN RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF CITY?]
c. IN OPEN COUNTRYSIDE?
d. FLYING NEAR AN AIRFIELD?
e. FLYING OVER A CITY?
f. FLYING OVER OPEN COUNTRY?
g. OTHER________________

27. WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT, AND HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO NOTICE IT?

SOUND ASLEEP - AWAKENED BY SOUND - LOOKED OUT WINDOW - SHE JUMPED UNDER COVERS.

28. IF YOU WERE MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER VEHICLE AT THE TIME, THEN COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

28.1 WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU MOVING? (CIRCLE ONE):

a. NORTH c. EAST e. SOUTH g. WEST
b. N.E. d. S.E. f. S.W. h. N.W.

28.2 HOW FAST WERE YOU MOVING?________________miles per hour?

28.3 DID YOU STOP AT ANY TIME WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE OBJECT? (CIRCLE ONE): YES NO

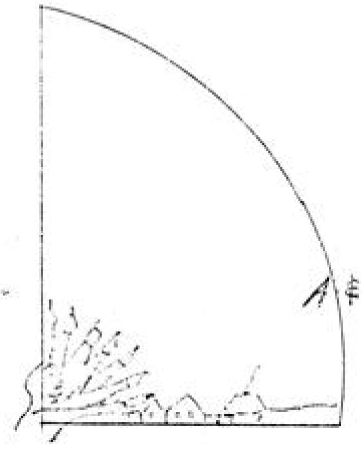
29. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU FIRST SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): a. NORTH c. EAST e. SOUTH g. WEST
b. N.E. d. S.E. [✓ f. S.W.] h. N.W.

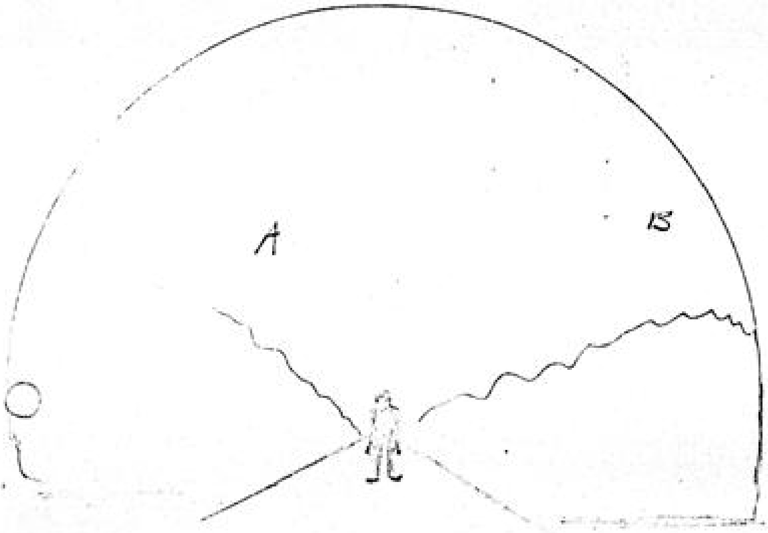
30. WHAT DIRECTION WERE YOU LOOKING WHEN YOU LAST SAW THE OBJECT?

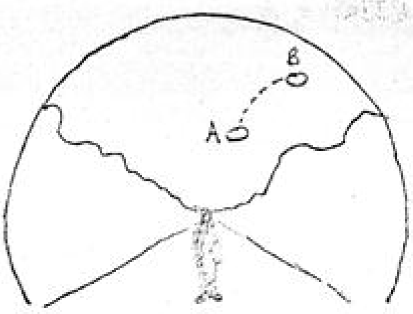
(CIRCLE ONE): a. NORTH c. EAST e. SOUTH g. WEST
[✓ b. N.E.] d. S.E. f. S.W. h. N.W.

31. IN THE SKETCH BELOW, IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE AT THE POINT SHOWN. PLACE AN "A" ON THE CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON (SKYLINE) WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT. PLACE A "B" ON THE SAME CURVED LINE TO SHOW HOW HIGH THE OBJECT WAS ABOVE THE HORIZON(SKYLINE) WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT.



32. IN THE SKETCH BELOW PLACE AN "A" AT THE POSITION THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST SAW IT, AND A "B" AT ITS POSITION WHEN YOU LAST SAW IT. REFER TO SMALLER SKETCH AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE LARGER SKETCH.





33. WHAT WERE THE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

33.1 CLOUDS (CIRCLE ONE)

a. [✓ CLEAR SKY]
b. HAZY
c. SCATTERED CLOUDS
d. THICK OR HEAVY CLOUDS
e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.2 WIND (CIRCLE ONE)

a. NO WIND
b. SLIGHT BREEZE
c. STRONG WIND
d. [✓ DON'T REMEMBER]

33.3 WEATHER (CIRCLE ONE)

a. [✓ DRY]
b. FOG, MIST, OR LIGHT RAIN
c. MODERATE OR HEAVY RAIN
d. SNOW
e. DON'T REMEMBER

33.4 TEMPERATURE (CIRCLE ONE)

a. COLD
b. COOL
c. WARM
d. [✓ HOT]
e. DON'T REMEMBER

34. WHEN DID YOU REPORT TO SOME OFFICIAL THAT YOU HAD SEEN THE OBJECT?

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
26	JUNE	1963

ABOUT 8:30 A.M.

WHAT OFFICIAL? NAVAL AIR STATION AT S. WEYMOUTH — SAID NO PLANES IN AREA AT THIS TIME.

35. WAS ANYONE ELSE WITH YOU AT THE TIME YOU SAW THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): [✓ YES] NO

35.1 IF YOU ANSWERED YES, DID THEY SEE THE OBJECT TOO?

(CIRCLE ONE): [✓ YES] NO

35.2 PLEASE LIST THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES: WIFE - SAME ADDRESS.

36. WAS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU HAD SEEN AN OBJECT(s) LIKE THIS?

(CIRCLE ONE): [✓ YES] NO

36.1 IF YOU ANSWERED NO, THEN WHEN, WHERE, AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID YOU SEE OTHER ONE(s)?

37. IN YOUR OPINION WHAT DO YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS AND WHAT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED IT?

I DON'T KNOW. WAS NOT ANYTHING I HAVE EVER SEEN.

38. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ESTIMATE THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT?

(CIRCLE ONE): YES [✓ NO]

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN WHAT SPEED WOULD YOU ESTIMATE_____MPH.

39. DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ESTIMATE HOW FAR AWAY FROM YOU THE OBJECT WAS?

(CIRCLE ONE) [✓ YES] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, THEN HOW FAR AWAY WOULD YOU SAY IT WAS 300 FT.

40. PLEASE GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

NAME MR. ENRICO GILBERTI Enrico A. Gilberti Jr.
MRS. (JANET) GILBERTI Janet S. Gilberti

ADDRESS 344 COMMERCIAL STREET,
EAST WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE NUMBER ED-5-1710

PRESENT JOB? CABINET MAKER

AGE 24 SEX MALE

PLEASE INDICATE ANY SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING THAT YOU HAVE HAD:

a. GRADE SCHOOL ✓
b. HIGH SCHOOL ✓
c. COLLEGE_____
d. POST GRADUATE_____
e. TECHNICAL SCHOOL_____
(TYPE)_____
f. OTHER SPECIAL TRANING_____

DO YOU BELONG TO NICAP NO ? APRO NO ? OTHER? NO

HAVE YOU READ ANY BOOKS ON UFO'S? NO

41. DATE YOU COMPLETED THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: 28 JULY 1963
DAY MONTH YEAR

Raymond E. Fowler

INTERVIEWER: RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT,
WENHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

'Flying Object' Mystery Deepens With New Reports

[illegible] mysterious "flying [illegible]" [illegible] two [illegible] by a Patriot Ledger [illegible] seen at about [illegible] probably on [illegible] by at least five [illegible] Shore residents.

[illegible] six other persons [illegible] total of 11, reported [illegible] similar object over the [illegible] Shore in recent weeks.

[illegible] of the reports [illegible] completely in the descriptions of the object, including its colors, flying characteristics and flight pattern.

[illegible] Weymouth, Rockland

The unsolicited reports began to come in this weekend, mostly [illegible] persons who said they would never have reported their sightings if The Patriot Ledger had not [illegible] the photograph and accompanying story in Saturday's newspaper.

Most of the persons asked that their names not be used, but then agreed to their use when they learned that others saw the same object and that the reports agreed in almost all details.

The June 25 sightings came from East Weymouth and Rockland. Other sightings in the past few weeks were made in West Quincy, Scituate and Braintree.

All but one were at night, mostly between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m.

In almost all cases, the object reported carried bright orange and white lights and traveled in a rectangular or zig-zag pattern, making sharp 90-degree turns without pausing.

The photograph was taken the night of June 25 or 26 from the back yard of Patriot Ledger Staff Reporter Richard Pothier of Wollaston.

When the slide was later processed it clearly showed the flight path of a brilliantly-lighted orange and white object which had entered the camera's field of view [illegible] during the half-hour [illegible] maneuvered several [illegible] sharp, rectangular [illegible] then accelerated to leave a [illegible] orange path on the photograph.

The original purpose of the photo — a color slide on Kodachrome X film — was to record [illegible] trails left by stars [illegible] as the earth revolved [illegible] them.

The [illegible] never looked at [illegible] during the exposure and [illegible] the object which [illegible] presence on the film.

Detailed Report

The most detailed report on what appears to be the same object came from Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Gilberti of 344 Commercial Street, East Weymouth, both of whom spotted the object early June 26, at about 1 a.m.

The next morning, Mrs. Gilberti [illegible] she notified South Weymouth [illegible] Air Station to report [illegible]

"They didn't seem too [illegible]" [illegible]

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilberti described the craft as "very large," larger than a truck, with a brilliant orange light on its bottom and a white light of equal intensity on its top.

They said the object flew "with a deafening roar" about 100 feet over the ground, apparently following the path of some high-tension wires near the Gilberti home.

Its shape, Mr. Gilberti said, was best described by using the traditional "flying saucer" con[illegible] two saucers inverted toward each other. Around the middle, he said, was a protruding lip.

The two lights were shaped like a Turkish fez hat, or a cone with the top cut off, he said.

"It flew smoothly, very low, almost right above the treetops," Gilberti said. "The roar was deafening."

"Up to now, I've always thought of those people who believe in flying saucers as nuts," he said. "But my wife and I both saw it and it was some sort of machine, not a balloon or some other explanation.

"My wife was so shook up she couldn't sleep all night. She called South Weymouth the next morning and someone there took her name and telephone number, but they never called back."

The same night, three Rockland residents sitting outside their home reported seeing a lighted object with the exact same colors and light relationship, but flying much higher. They heard no sound.

The sighting was made at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tonsberg of Johnson Terrace, Rockland. Also present was Mrs. Tonsberg's brother-in-law, William Henderson.

Zig-Zag Path

All three reported the object traced a zig-zag path, making a series of sharp 90-degree turns without pausing in its flight. The glow the object emitted was orange and white, they said.

Mr. Henderson reported the object's flight path was sharp and irregular, as in the photograph taken in Wollaston about a half-hour later.

He said the object appeared to be heading northwest, but repeatedly doubled back and forth over its path.

"All three of us watched it for about five minutes," he said. "The main reason we did so was the large number of almost-perfect right angles taken by whatever it was."

The trio first saw it when a commercial airliner bound for Logan Airport passed over their house, Mr. Henderson said. When the plane had passed, all three saw the orange-white light source "much higher than the airplane, [illegible] pattern."

A [illegible] to be the same [illegible] the morning of July [illegible] near the [illegible] by a Weymouth couple who were driving on the Southeast Expressway.

Mrs. Robert Carr of [illegible] said she and her [illegible] ted "a dark object" [illegible] orange glow moving in an irregular path fairly high above the ground near Archbishop Williams High School.

"We couldn't see how big it was but it was not small," she said. "It appeared dark at the top but there was a strong orange glow at the bottom.

"It was fully light, about 8:30 a.m., and we could see only a very rough outline of the object. The most pronounced detail was the orange hue at the bottom and a dark surface or area at its top," she said.

Several weeks earlier on June 13 a North Scituate woman who does not wish her name published spotted the same or a similar object, she reported yesterday.

Plunged Near Ocean

The yellow-white light, she said, seemed to be plunging into the ocean off Scituate, but suddenly reversed its direction and doubled back on its original path. A friend with her saw the same object, she said.

"It was going from west to east, then suddenly stopped and moved erratically for a few seconds, reversed its direction, and went back from east to west," she said.

She said she watched the maneuvering light source for at least 10 or 15 minutes, and when it stopped moving and hovered for a while she stopped looking at it.

"It was much bigger and brighter than the stars around it, and it was moving very unevenly. I could see it wasn't an airplane or helicopter because it was very high up and the lights that planes carry wouldn't seem so bright at that distance," she said.

On or about the same date as the Scituate sighting, two 13-year-old girls from West Quincy reported seeing a group of orange-white lights moving in an almost-exact duplicate of the seemingly-aimless right-angle maneuvering captured on the slide taken in Wollaston.

The girls said the lights were high and [illegible] toward Wollaston.

Officials [illegible] South Weymouth Naval Air [illegible] yesterday they have no [illegible] capable of making such maneuvers. [illegible] ed that nothing from South Weymouth is usually flying after [illegible] p.m. on a week night and midnight on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. In addition, they said, no aircraft of any kind would fly at such a low altitude as several [illegible]

Information Only
Source: APRO, November 1963

26 June 1963
South Weymouth, Mass

On June 26, Mr. and Mrs. Enrico Gilbert of East Weymouth spotted a UFO at 1 a.m. Next morning they reported the sighting to the Naval Air Station at South Weymouth and Mrs. Gilberti said the authority who took the report "didn't seem too surprised." The description of the sighting: Both Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert described the craft as 'very large,' bigger than a truck, with brilliant orange light on its bottom and a white light of equal intensity on its top. They said the object flew "with a deafening roar" about 100 feet over the ground, apparently following the path of some high-tension wires near the Gilbert home. Its shape, Gilberti said, was best described by using the traditional "flying saucers" concept, or more exactly, two saucers inverted toward each other. Around its middle, he said, was a protruding lip. The two lights were shaped like a Turkish fez hat, or a cone with the top cut off, he said. It flew smoothly, very low, almost right above the treetops, Gilberti said. The roar was deafening. "Up to now I've always thought of those people who believe in flying saucers as nuts," he said, "but my wife and I both saw it and it was some sort of machine, not a balloon or some other explanation."

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13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting - 11 October 1964 (Brockton, Mass.)

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TO: List

cc. NICAP *
AFSC (FTD) *
W.N. Webb
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The following Report provides detailed information concerning the sighting of a UFO over Brockton, Massachusetts on 11 October 1964 at 4:00 PM EDT by Mr. David Hanson, Mr. Vincent Flaherty and Mr. John __________ (anonymous). Any additional information on this sighting will be forwarded at a later date.

Raymond E. Fowler

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INVESTIGATOR

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UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET

UFO REPORT - 10/11/64

Witness #1 - David Hanson
111 Wilson Street
Brockton, Mass.

Age: 28
Education: College (6)
Occupation: Mech. Eng.

#2 - Vincent Flaherty
Center Street
Brockton, Mass.

Age: 30
Education: College (Eve.)
Occupation: Accountant

#3 - John ____________
(wants name kept anonymous)
Brockton, Mass.

PLACE: 111 Wilson Street, Brockton, Massachusetts

DATE: 11 October 1964 TIME: 4:00 PM EDT

BACKGROUND:

On the evening of October 12th I taped the Bob Kennedy "Contact" show which was featuring "Contactee" George Adamski as guest for several hours.* My purpose for taping this program was to monitor telephone calls coming in from the radio audience concerning local UFO sightings. Only one sighting was phoned in and it turned out to be an excellent one. I found out later that the USAF had also monitored this program and had already questioned the principal witness when I contacted him.

* - I do not subscribe to the "views" of George Adamski

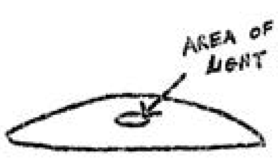
SIGHTING:

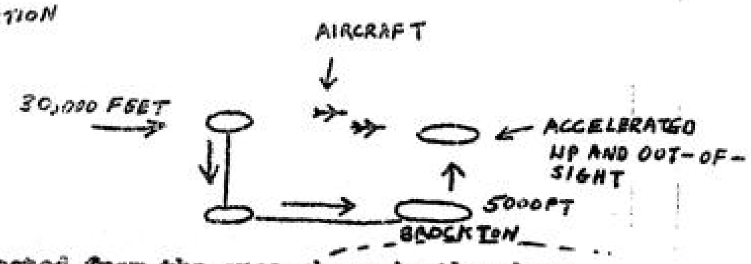
David, Vincent and John were on the front lawn at David's home when they heard two sonic booms. They looked up and saw two jet fighters flying at an estimated 30,000 feet leaving contrails. Directly behind and closing on the fighters was a bright round object. It caught up with the jet aircraft at a point just to the rear of them and then dropped slowly straight down over the city of Brockton. It levelled off at an estimated 5000 feet and moved over Brockton at a speed less than 100 mph. The jet fighters continued on their course.

Duration of the sighting was approximately 2 minutes. Condition of the sky was "Bright Daylight". The weather was clear sky, dry, cool with a slight breeze. The object was brighter than the background of the sky and appeared solid, sharply outlined and white in color. ("the color was off-white, possibly some sort of coating over metal") No noise was heard.

David stated that - "the object looked like an umbrella and was smooth all over..It reflected light when it made a slight turn.... reflected light came from a specific place about 2/3 the width in about the middle...the light was very bright." Vincent described the object as "circular" and "like a parachute".

DAVID'S DRAWINGS





The bright light reflected from the area shown in the above drawing was compared to the brightness of an automobile headlight several yards away. David compared the apparent size of the object with that of a silver dollar held at arm's length and guessed its real size as being "about 50 - 75 feet in diameter and about 15 feet high and flat on the bottom". Vincent felt that the object's apparent size was larger than that of a silver dollar held at arm's length but would not guess on its real size.

The object was first seen in the North, 75° from the horizon and was last seen toward the South at 30° from the horizon. It disappeared from view by going "straight up and out-of-sight in about 1-2 seconds." Its closest approach to the witnesses was estimated to be about one mile away.

Vincent voiced no opinion as to what he thought the object was. David stated that he thought the object was - "An aircraft of some type - manned - had tremendous speed because it chased and caught up to the two jets and when it went up and out-of-sight, its speed was extremely fast, although while over Brockton it was moving less than 100 mph."

Vincent and John were not contacted by the USAF but David was phoned by a Major who asked him the basic questions as found in AFR 200-2. The Major was particularly interested in whether the jet fighters turned around to look for the object. Unfortunately David cannot remember the Major's name. He did not say where he was phoning from.

EVALUATION:

I phoned the UFO officer, Major Brooks, at Hanscom AFB to see if he or someone from Hanscom AFB had phoned David and to obtain further information if possible although realizing that AFR 200-2 paragraphs #8 and #10 prohibited such information being given to the public by other than the SAFOI in Washington, D.C. I asked Major Brooks if it were possible for me to obtain additional information on a local UFO sighting that the USAF was investigating. He asked me for the date, place and time of the sighting and said he would have a look through his files. I heard him rustling through papers and then, after a pause he said - "Mr. Fowler, I'm going to have to put you on 'hold' for a minute." He did and I could not hear anything else. About 3-4 minutes went by and I was just beginning to wonder if I had been cut off when I was re-connected again. Major Brooks said that he was sorry but he had no record of the UFO sighting to which I referred. I informed him that a USAF Major had questioned the principal witness by telephone. He made no comment and just repeated his first statement. I thanked him and hung up. He did not ask me any questions about the sighting except concerning the date, place and time. When I had talked to him on October 7th concerning a UFO sighted over Waltham, he wanted all the information that I could give him and encouraged me to phone in good UFO reports. His not asking for further details on this sighting may be significant.

I consider David and Vincent to be sincere and competent witnesses. Neither had ever read books on UFOs or were particularly interested in the subject before making their sighting. David happened to be listening to the Bob Kennedy "Contact" show and wondered if what he had seen was connected with UFOs so he phoned in and related what he had seen to Bob Kennedy and the radio audience.

It is my opinion that the object described by the witnesses cannot be explained satisfactorily as a conventional object. I am convinced that they witnessed a real UFO.

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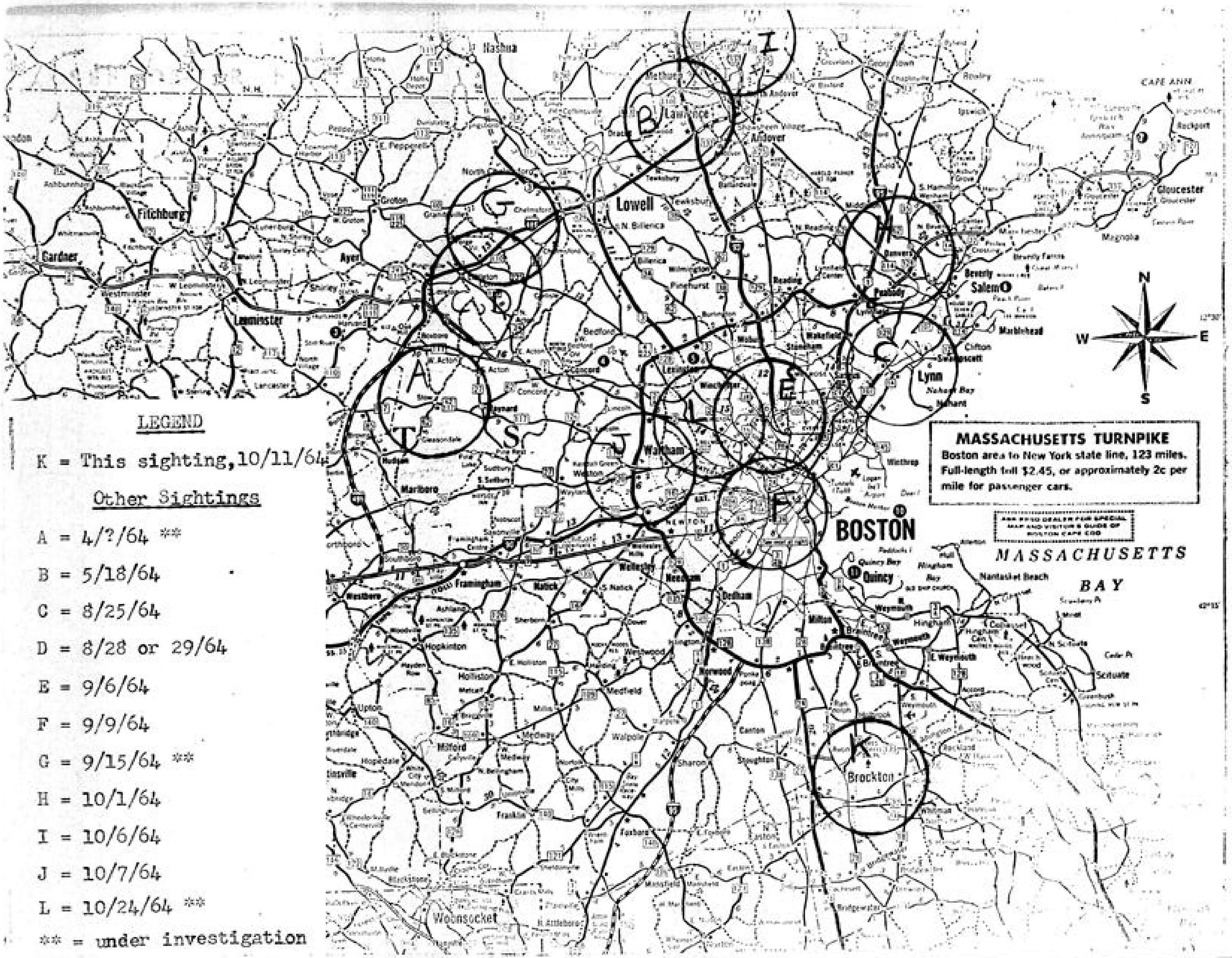
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LEGEND

K = This sighting, 10/11/64

Other Sightings

A = 4/?/64 **

B = 5/18/64

C = 8/25/64

D = 8/28 or 29/64

E = 9/6/64

F = 9/9/64

G = 9/15/64 **

H = 10/1/64

I = 10/6/64

J = 10/7/64

L = 10/24/64 **

** = under investigation

U F O DATA SHEET

Page one

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give as much information as possible concerning the "Unidentified Flying Object" that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Raymond E. Fowler
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

1. When did you see the object?
11 DAY October MONTH 1964 YEAR

2. Time of day: 4 HOUR ____ MINUTES
(Circle One): A.M. or [✓ P.M.]

3. Time zone: (Circle One):
- [✓ a. Eastern]
- b. Central
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other ________

(Circle One):
- [✓ a. Daylight Saving Time]
- b. Standard Time

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
111 Wilson Street — Nearest Postal Address
Brockton, — City or Town
Massachusetts — State or Country

Additional remarks: I was at my home

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. ____ HOURS 2 MINUTES ____ SECONDS

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.
- a. Certain
- [✓ b. Fairly certain]
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?
(Circle One):
- [✓ a. Bright daylight]
- b. Dull daylight
- c. Bright twilight
- d. Just a trace of daylight
- e. No trace of daylight
- f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?
- a. In front of you
- b. In back of you
- c. To your right
- [✓ d. To your left]
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (circle one):
- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (circle one):
- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight- dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): [✓ a. YES] b. NO c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

- a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)
- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- [✓ d. Several yards away?]
- e. Other? It reflected light when it made a slight turn.

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? [✓ YES] NO DON'T KNOW
- c. Break up into parts or explode? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW
- d. Give off smoke? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW
- e. Change brightness? [✓ YES] NO DON'T KNOW
- f. Change shape? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW
- g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW If you answered yes, then tell what it moved behind: ______________________

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

If you answered yes, then tell what it moved in front of: ______________________

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): [✓ SOLID?] TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

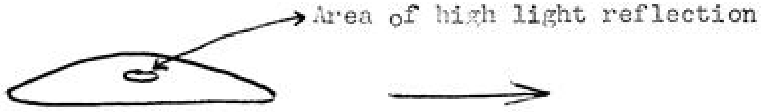
- a. Eyeglasses YES [✓ NO]
- b. Sun glasses YES [✓ NO]
- c. Windshield YES [✓ NO]
- d. Window glass YES [✓ NO]
- e. Binoculars YES [✓ NO]
- f. Telescope YES [✓ NO]
- g. Other ______________

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. SOUND None

b. COLOR White

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapour trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



The object looked like an umbrella and was smooth all over. The reflected light came from a specific place about 2/3 the height in about the middle of the object. The light was very bright.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

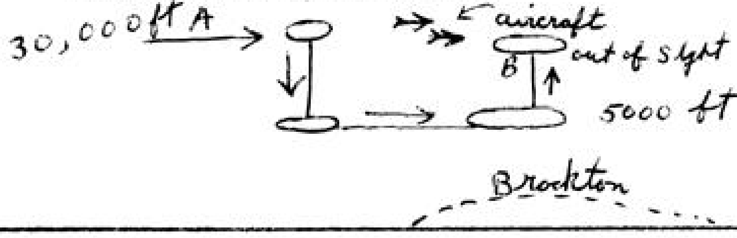
[✓ c. Sharply outlined]

e. Other

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were travelling.

JUST ONE OBJECT

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. 50 - 75 ft in dia. Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One):
a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half-dollar
[✓ g. Silver dollar]
h. Baseball
I. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other ________

22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

[✓ a. Certain]
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? The object went straight up and out of sight in about 1-2 seconds.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the objecţ that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

The mat'l color was off white, possibly some sort of coating over metal. It was about 50 - 75 ft. in dia and about 15 ft. high and flat on the bottom.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- [✓ c. Outdoors]
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other ____________

26. Were you (Circle One):

- a. In the business section of city?
- [✓ b. In the residential section of a city?]
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other ____________

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Standing on the front lawn

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? ____________ miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

[✓ a. North]	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One)

a. North	c. East	[✓ e. South]	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation)

31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North True N. degrees

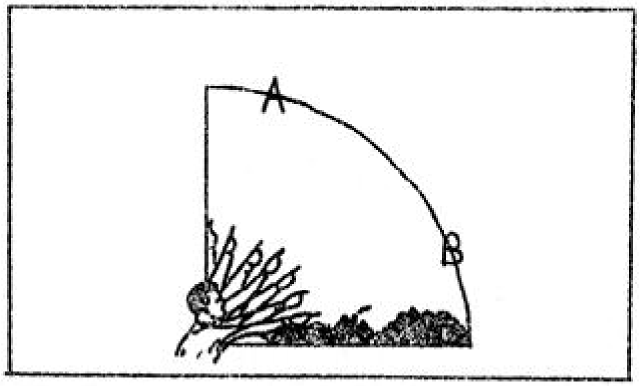
b. From horizon 75° degrees

31.2 When it disappeared:

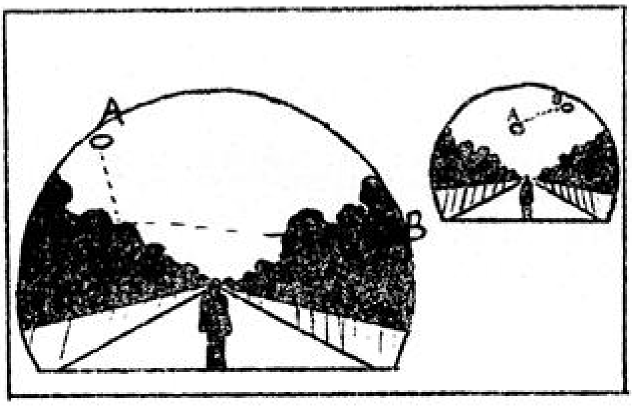
a. From true North 160° degrees

b. From horizon 30° degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you FIRST saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you LAST saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): [✓ YES] NO

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES [✓ NO]

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

[✓ MILITARY?] COMMERCIAL? PRIVATE? JET? PROPELLER?

How many engines did the aircraft have? Single (Two Jet Fighters)

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)
- [✓ a. Clear sky]
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)
- a. No wind
- [✓ b. Slight breeze]
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)
- [✓ a. Dry]
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
- a. Cold
- [✓ b. Cool]
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Official or Organization Name(s)	Day	Month	Year
Bob Kennedy "Contact" Radio Show WBZ	12	October	1964

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36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?
(Circle One) YES [✓ NO] If YES, how much? (Circle One) A LITTLE? MODERATELY? EXTENSIVELY?

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37. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES:
(Attach separate sheet for above)

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38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)? ______________________

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39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it?

An Aircraft of some type - manned - had tremendous speed because it chased and caught up to the two jets and when it went up and out of sight, its speed was extremely fast, although while over Brockton it was moving less than 100 mph.

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO
If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? See 39 MPH

41. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO
If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 5000 FEET

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
(Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? ____________
IF you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO]
Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO
If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to any Organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO] If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if you name is kept confidential? YES NO
May we publish your report and use your name? [✓ YES] NO
(Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME	Hanson	David	Ellsworth
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS	111 Wilson Street,	Brockton,	Massachusetts
	Street	City	State

TELEPHONE NUMBER JU 7-6126

What is your present job? Mechanical Engineer

AGE 28 SEX Male

Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years

a. Grade school 8
b. High school 4
c. College 6
d. Post graduate ________
e. Technical school ____________
(Type of) ____________
f. Other special training? ______________
______________________)

48. Signature: David E. Hanson Date: 10/21/64

Signed Original in hands of Raymond E. Fowler, INVESTIGATOR.

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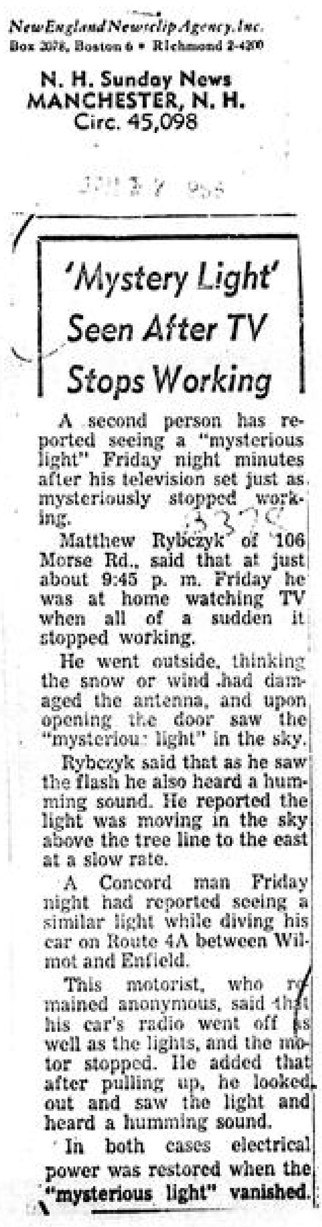
Sourse: N.H. Sunday News, Manchester, N. H.

15 January 1965
Manchester, N. H.
(106 Morse Road)



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'Mystery Light' Seen After TV Stops Working

A second person has reported seeing a "mysterious light" Friday night minutes after his television set just as mysteriously stopped working.

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Matthew Rybczyk of 106 Morse Rd., said that at just about 9:45 p. m. Friday he was at home watching TV when all of a sudden it stopped working.

He went outside, thinking the snow or wind had damaged the antenna, and upon opening the door saw the "mysterious light" in the sky.

Rybczyk said that as he saw the flash he also heard a humming sound. He reported the light was moving in the sky above the tree line to the east at a slow rate.

A Concord man Friday night had reported seeing a similar light while diving his car on Route 4A between Wilmot and Enfield.

This motorist, who remained anonymous, said that his car's radio went off as well as the lights, and the motor stopped. He added that after pulling up, he looked out and saw the light and heard a humming sound.

In both cases electrical power was restored when the "mysterious light" vanished.

Information Only
Source: Fawcett

Manchester, New Hampshire
25 January 1965

January 25,1965 --- Manchester, New Hampshire --- Matthew Rybczyk noticed his TV set stopped working after a mystery lighted object with a humming sound hovered over his house. A Concord man reported his car radio, lights and motor stopped after a similiar object flew over Route 4A between Wilmot and Enfield. The strange object also made a humming sound. SOURCE: Manchester Reporter, New Hampshire.

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Source: Fawcett

Everglades, Florida
14 March 1965

March 14, 1965--Everglades, Florida-- Mr. James W. Flynn, 45 of Fort Myers, while camping and training hunting dogs in the Everglades drove his swamp buggy withing 400 yards, then walked to within 150 feet of a bright yellow lighted cone shapped object that had landed. The object emitted a loud whirring noise and had four tiers of windows visible around the side. Suddenly he was knocked unconscious by a strange force. When he regained consciousness the UFO was gone(though a black,oily looking circle was found on the ground where the UFO had been). The doctor treated him for eye damage after the incident, which left him with bloodshot eyes(partially blinded) due to the sudden blow. Both eyes were bandaged because of injuries received during the UFO encounter. SOURCE: NICAP "UFO INVESTIGATOR*-March-April, 1965 issue. Washington, D.C.

2555 East 12th Street
Brooklyn 35, New York
May 19, 1965

Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

On December 19, 1964, at 3:30 A. M., three Control Tower Operators on duty in the tower at the Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent, Maryland, observed on radar 2 unidentified objects moving at a speed in excess of 7000 miles per hour. At one point, one of the objects performed a violent turn. The radar targets appeared elliptical in shape, were very large, and the three observers were positive [redacted] the UFOs were real solid objects. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

On December 21, 1964, at about 5 P. M., a man by the name of Horace Burns reported observing the landing of a UFO while driving on Route 250 near Staunton, Virginia. As the object crossed the road ahead of his car, the engine "conked out." The UFO was shaped like a very large inverted top, "dark, aluminum" in appearance, with a blue fluorescent band around the base. After a minute the UFO rose up with a sound like rushing air, and swiftly disappeared. A Geiger Counter showed the landing site to be highly radioactive. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

On March 14, 1965, between 1 - 2 A.M., a man by the name of James Flynn reported observing a UFO in the Florida Everglades. The UFO was shaped like a large, inverted cone, with windows visible around the side. The object emitted a whirring noise and was brightly illuminated. As the witness approached the object, he felt a "sledgehammer" blow and was knocked unconscious. He had to be hospitalized with eye damage. What is the Air Force conclusion for this report?

Thank you very much for your cooperation in informing me of the conclusions of the above reports.

Sincerely,
Herbert S. Taylor
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H. Taylor
2555 E. 12th St.
Brooklyn 35, N. Y.

Via Air

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Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/11 Jun 65

Jun 11, 1965

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in reply to your letter requesting information on unidentified flying objects.

The Air Force evaluation of the 19 December 1964 Patuxent, Maryland, UFO incident is attached for your information.

Regarding the 21 December 1964 sighting by Horace Burns at Staunton, Virginia, the Air Force investigation of this sighting revealed that no radioactivity was in the area. There was no evidence to indicate that such an event actually occurred.

We have no record of a UFO report by James Flynn on 14 March 1965. It is possible that the incident was investigated and evaluated locally.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Patuxent Evaluation

Mr. Herbert S. Taylor
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information, Herbert S Taylor

TO: Hq USAF SAFOI-CC (Mrs Hunt)
Wash D C 20330

1. Reference the attached letter from Herbert S Taylor requesting information on unidentified flying objects. The following is provided to assist in making a reply to him.

2. The 19 Dec 64, Patuxent, Md sighting can be best answered by the Air Force release on this particular sighting.

3. Regarding the 21 Dec 64 sighting by Horace Burns at Staunton, Virginia - The Air Force investigation of this sighting revealed that no radioactivity was in the area. There was no evidence to indicate that such an event actually occurred.

4. The alleged observation of James Flynn on 14 Mar 65 was not reported to the Air Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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YOU - THE NUCLEUS OF SECURITY!

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO ATTN OF: OCBB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

2 [illegible] 1965

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. The attached information pertaining to unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings reported in this area during the period of 31 July through 3 August 1965 is submitted in accordance with Paragraphs 13(b) and 14, AFR 200-2. Paragraph 1 of TIG Brief Nr 11, Volume XVI, dated 22 May 1964, stipulates that such objects as described in this report are not to be reported as unidentified flying objects; however, due to the wide publicity regarding UFOs in this area, this information is submitted in an effort to clarify the matter.

2. On 31 July 1965 at 0735 Zulu (Z) hours, the initial report in this series of reported UFOs was received in this office from Winnewood, Oklahoma. This object was determined to be a weather balloon released from this installation. Since that time, local news media, i.e. newspapers, radio, and television stations, highly publicized the report to the extent one local radio station held a contest to see how many UFO reports could be reported during one evening and also held what was referred to as a UFO party at their radio station on another evening. Such publicity has generated a tremendous amount of interest in sky watching among the populace of this state, which has resulted in a flood of UFO reports (see attached newspaper clippings). Investigation of these reports has revealed the UFOs as being stars, which are extremely visible during this time of year from this location; high flying aircraft, aircraft in landing patterns, and weather balloons.

3. On 1 August 1965, Harry P. Aderill, Meteorlogical Technician and Supervisor, 6th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, was interviewed regarding the UFOs reported in this area. Aderill stated his organization releases Weather balloons twice daily, one at 1715 Z hours and one at 0515 Z hours. Aderill described the weather balloons as being light tan, brown, or white in color, 6 to 8 feet in diameter, with radio sound equipment attached to a 100 foot long train. According to Aderill, all weather balloons released at night or during the hours of darkness have a small white light which is attached to a parachute on the balloon. Aderill stated that the balloons ascend to approximately 100,000 feet altitude, at which time they burst or develop a leak and start to descend, at which time the radio sound equipment would normally begin to oscillate, which in turn would cause the parachute to oscillate. According to Aderill, the light shining on the oscillating parachute would reflect different shades of redish and white color. Aderill stated that if the balloon did burst, normal descending time would be approximately forty minutes; however, if the balloon developed a leak and did not burst, the

descending time would be considerably longer, depending on the extent of the leak in the balloon, which would allow the balloon to drift to a number of different locations, changing courses erratically, depending on wind currents and velocity as it drifted back to the earth.

4. Aderill checked records and stated that the weather balloon released by his organization at 0515 Z hours, 31 July 1965, was tracked until 0657 Z hours, 31 July 1965, at which time the balloon was located 26 miles due south of this installation, which is approximately thirty miles north of Winnewood. Aderill stated that the balloon was at 101,000 feet altitude and was drifting toward Winnewood at that time. He continued that due to wind direction, the balloon should have continued traveling toward Winnewood while descending.

5. Records maintained by the 746th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station, reflect that SSgt William C. Teaney, AF18422968, Radar Operator, was on duty and received information on the initial report of an unidentified flying object on 31 July 1965 at 0740 Z hours in the vicinity of Winnewood. The records indicate that an object was picked up on radar at approximately 10,000 feet altitude and was tracked to within fifteen nautical miles southwest of this installation. Radar contact was lost at 205° azimuth, twenty-nine nautical miles from this installation, which is in the area of the Goldsbie Airport. Position and tracking characteristics correllated with Carswell AFB, Texas radar. These records do not reflect any other objects in that area during that period of time.

6. Lt Walter J. Harrison, A03131704, Chief Weather Forecaster, Detachment 13, 24th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, was interviewed on 3 August 1965 regarding the UFOs reported in this area. Harrison stated that in this area during the months of May, June, July, and mid-August, there is a transparent haze in the atmosphere that is particularly heavy. According to Harrison, on clear nights the haze will reflect lights and scenes from other areas which results in unusual sightings and mirages. Harrison concluded that this could possibly account for some of the reported unidentified flying objects.

7. On 4 August 1965, Dale Johnson, Director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, 3000 General Pershing Street, Oklahoma City, Okla., was interviewed regarding any UFOs he might have observed between 31 July and 3 August 1965. Johnson stated that his study of the skies is on a continuous basis, and he was especially watchful during the dates in question, during which time he did not observe anything unusualy, unidentifiable, or different. Johnson continued that he had received numerous reports of UFOs during that time, and nine out of ten of the reports received were stars. According to Johnson, the average person is uneducated as to what the sky normally looks like; and when they

start looking and studying the sky, they see things that to them are unidentifiable and unexplainable. Johnson stated that a number of stars are extremely brighter than others at this time of year, also an unusually large number of meteors are visible in this area during the summer months. According to Johnson, these conditions, plus the temperature inversion and mirages could result in numerous reports of UFOs by persons not familiar with the sky.

8. Floyd J. Wilson, Chief Proficiency Officer, RAPCON, Tinker AFB, was contacted regarding radar markings of aircraft during the period of 2400 Central Standard Time (CST), 31 July 1965, through 2400 CST, 3 August 1965. Wilson stated that his organization operates on a twenty-four hour day basis and tracks aircraft within a forty mile radius of this installation. Wilson was unable to produce records on any aircraft's exact location during the dates in question as those records had been sent to Ft Worth, Texas. Wilson's records indicated that during those dates a total of 1,030 aircraft were tracked by his organization.

9. Investigation revealed that balloons are released at the following times and locations:

a. Tinker AFB, 6th Weather Squadron. Release two balloons daily, one at 1115 CST and one at 2315 CST.

b. US Weather Station, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City. Release two balloons daily, one at 0515 CST and one at 1715 CST.

c. US Weather Station, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Release two balloons daily, one at 1100 CST and one at 2300 CST.

d. Target Acquisition Battalion, Ft Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. Release three balloons daily at no set time; also four other organizations at that location release balloons. The number of releases and the time depend on the amount of artillery firing that is scheduled. All balloons released at night are equipped with lights.

Balloons are released at numerous other locations in this state; however, only those listed above were found to have released balloons during the dates in question.

10. This office will continue to investigate reported sightings of UFOs in this area, and reports will be submitted upon receipt of information pertaining to any objects that cannot be identified. Samples of reported UFOs are attached. Additional reports of UFOs will be forwarded at your request.

James F. Winton

JAMES F. WINTON, Major, USAF
Chief, Security & Law Enforcement Division

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1. Newspaper clippings
2. Samples of UFO sightings

REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of Object(s):

1. Shape: Circular with flat top.

2. Size compared to known object: Size of small plate.

3. Color: Dark color except for center which reflected a glowing blue light; one red light on each side, white light on top.

4. Number of objects: Two.

5. Formation: None.

6. Any discernible features or details: None.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

8. Sound: None.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

1. What first called attention of observer to object: Heard news of objects on local radio.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects when first observed: One was at 45° elevation, 279° azmiuth; the other was at 45° elevation, 135° azimuth.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance: One was at 35° elevation, 45° azimuth; the other was at 35° elevation, 90° azimuth.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Object observed at 270° traveled east in a straight line until directly overhead, at which time it reversed its course for a short distance, reversed again and continued traveling eastward, disappearing at approximately 90° azimuth. The other object which was observed at 135° azimuth was on a heading of approximately 285° azimuth, and upon reaching approximately 270° azimuth it changed course to a northeasternly direction and disappeared at approximately 45° azimuth.

5. How did the object disappear? Both objects went out of sight.

6. How long were the objects visible? Ten minutes.

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c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.

2. Optical aids: None.

3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0200 Z hours, 2 August 1965.

2. Light conditions: Dark.

e. Location of Observer: East of Norman, Oklahoma on East Lindsay Street.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

1. Civilian: Mary E. Matoon, 32 years of age, housewife, residing at 603 Norningside Drive, Norman, Oklahoma. Reliability: Subject thoroughly confused; no experience in meteorology.

2. Military: Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather: Clear and still.

2. Report from nearest US Weather Bureau:

Altitude	Wind Direction	Speed	Temperature
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+14° C
10,000 ft.	350°	15 knots	+ 5° C
16,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 4° C
20,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 14°C
30,000 ft.	330°	20 knots	-37° C
50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.

4. Visibility: Eleven miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None.

6. Thunderstorms in area: None.

7. Vertical temperature gradient was -2° C per 1,000 ft., surface to 40,000 ft.; no change after that.

i. Interception or Identification Action Taken: Information furnished to 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station.

j. Location and approximate altitude of any air traffic or balloon releases: US Weather Station, Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., released a weather balloon at 2315 hours Zulu, 1 August 1965. The weather balloon should have traveled south, changing directions at different altitudes to southeast and southwest from the point of release. Tinker AFB Flight Operations reports that a DC-6 landed at this installation at 0226 Z hours, 2 August 1965. The aircraft could have been in the area during the time of the sighting. The aircraft's crew did not report any unusual sightings during that time.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group. Comments: The objects were apparently aircraft or a weather balloon released from a local weather station.

l. Physical evidence: None.

REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: No definite shape.

2. Size compared to known object: Same size as a star.

3. Color: Bright yellow with red hue.

4. Number: One object.

5. Formation: None.

6. Any discernible features or details: None.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

8. Sound: None.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer to object(s)? Another witness.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: 70° elevation, 180° azimuth.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: 50° elevation, 180° azimuth.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Traveled at high rate of speed, then stopped and hovered for a period of 25 minutes or more.

5. How did object(s) disappear? Faded away.

6. How long were the objects visible? Thirty minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.

2. Optical aids: None.

3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0200 Zulu hours, 2 August 1965.

2. Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of Observer:

59th Street and South Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

1. Civilian: Michael P. Wright, 18 years of age, sack boy in grocery store, address 1220 S. W. 35th Street, Oklahoma City. Extent of reliability: He appeared normal.

2. Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear and still.

2. Report from nearest US Weather Station:

Altitude	Wind Direction	Speed	Temperature
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
6,000 ft.	360°	10 knots	+14° C
10,000 ft.	350°	15 knots	+ 5° C
16,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	- 4° C
20,000 ft.	340°	20 knots	-14° C
30,000 ft.	330°	20 knots	-37° C
50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.

4. Visibility: Eleven miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None.

6. Thunderstorms in area: None.

7. Vertical temperature gradient: Was -2° C per 1,000 ft, surface to 40,000 feet; no change after that.

h. No unusual meteorlogical activities at that time.

i. Interception or Identification Action Taken: Information furnished to the 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station, at 0222 Z hours, 2 August 1965. No radar contact could be made at that time on the object.

j. Location and approximate altitude and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases:

1. US Weather Station, Will Robers Field, Oklahoma City, Okla., released a weather balloon at 2315 Z hours, 1 August 1965. The weather balloon should have traveled south, changing direction at different altitudes to southeast and southwest from the point of release. FAA, Will Rogers Field, reported no aircraft in the area during this time period. Tinker AFB Flight Operations reported that a DC-6 landed at this installation at 0226 Z hours, 2 August 1965. The aircraft could have been in the landing pattern during the time of the sighting. The aircraft's crew did not report any unusual sighting during that time.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group, Tinker AFB. Comments: Based on the observer's statement that the object appeared in the southeast and hovered in one spot, then moved to the south, it appears the object was a weather balloon released at this installation.

l. Physical Evidence: None.

REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description of Object(s):

1. Shape: Diamond shape.

2. Size: Size of an orange.

3. Color: Redish-orange and bluish-green and whitish.

4. Number of Objects: Five objects.

5. Formation: Four were in diamond formation; one was in center of formation.

6. Discernible features or details: None.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

8. Sound: None.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of course of object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer to object? A request to look for unidentified flying objects from Oklahoma City news media.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed? All of objects were at 45° elevation, 10° to 15° azimuth.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of objects upon disappearance: Objects did not disappear. When last observed were at 45° elevation, 10° to 15° azimuth.

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of objects: Objects were stationary; however, one of them would disappear and reappear.

5. How did objects disappear? Objects did not disappear.

6. How long were objects visible? Observed for 1½ hours.

c. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground-visual.

2. Optical aids: None.

3. Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. 0320 Z hours, 2 August 1965.

2. Light conditions: Dark.

e. Location of Observer: 1600 North Harrison Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

1. Civilian: Raymond J. Black, 35 years of age, and Marion L. Richardson, 30 year~~s of age, both po~~lice officers, Shawnee Police Department, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Reliability: Undetermined.

2. Military: Not applicable.

g. Weather and Wind Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

1. Observer's account of weather: Clear and Still.

2. Report from nearest US Weather Bureau:

Altitude	Wind Direction	Speed	Temperature
Surface	100°	4 knots	+83° C
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50,000 ft.	300°	30 knots	-61° C

3. Ceiling: Clear.

4. Visibility: Eleven miles.

5. Amount of Cloud Cover: None.

6. Thunderstorms in Area: None.

7. Vertical temperature gradient was -2° C per 1,000 ft., surface to 40,000 ft.; no change after that.

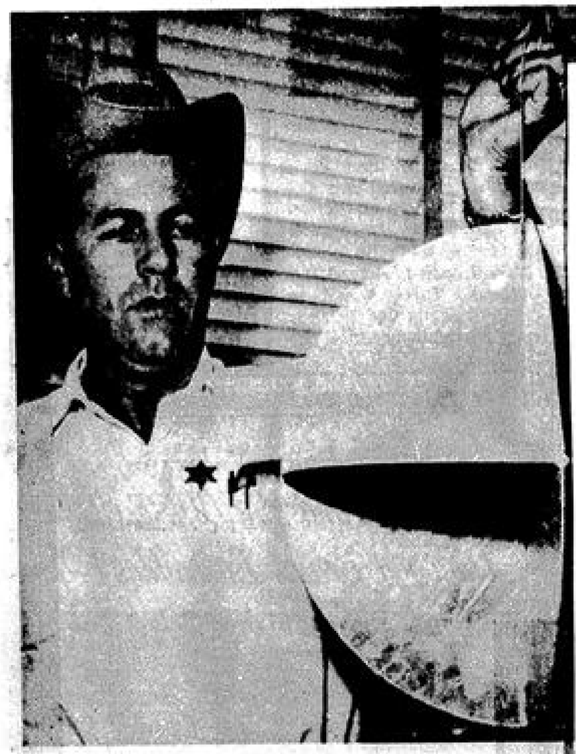
h. No unusual meteorlogical activities at that time.

i. Interception or identifying action taken: Information furnished to 746th AC & W Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Force Station.

j. Location and approximate altitude of any air traffic or balloon releases: Not determined.

k. Position Title and Comments of Preparing Officer: Chief, Security and Law Enforcement Division, 2854th Air Base Group. Comments: This sighting was reported in local news media as flying objects, diamond formation in the Shawnee area; however, due to the fact the objects did not move or disappear, they obviously were stars:

l. Physical Evidence: None.



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Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

By the State Staff

Sightings of unidentified flying objects continued Tuesday for the fourth straight night in Oklahoma, but the day's most spectacular sightings were reported in South America.

Observers in Curitiba, Brazil, reported seeing a squadron of 18 flying saucers flying over northern Brazil's Parana state.

From Santiago, Chile, came a report of a flying saucer which landed but took off again when a group of people moved toward it.

The highway patrol reported Tuesday night unidentified objects were seen in the skies over Erick, Lawton and in the Turley area near Tulsa.

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Several reports were received of sightings in the Oklahoma City area.

A many-surfaced aluminum disc, found Monday night on the D. W. Meade farm 3½ miles southeast of New Alleson in southern Bryan County, was an item of some mystery Tuesday in Durant.

Meade turned the welded disc over to Loyd Nabors, deputy sheriff, who was stymied: "I have absolutely no idea what it is or where it came from," he said.

A verbal description of the object, and the "ALCLAD 2024" imprinted on the side of it brought tentative identification from officials at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. They said it is likely a piece launched with large-size weather balloons. They withheld positive identification until they see the oeject.

Meade found the "thing" in his pasture Monday. He said it definitely was not there Sunday.

Unidentified flying objects were sighted in the Bryan County area Sunday night — glowing red and skimming just above tree-top level, according to witnesses.

"Maybe Mars has an ALCOA plant there, too," one wiseacre commented.

The fleet of objects over Brazil was first seen by two little girls. They saw four moving over the horizon in daylight at Astorga, about 250 miles west of Sao Paulo. They called three neighbors, who reported seeing 14 other saucers in formation. They were described as silvery with a greenish light shining from the top.

John Stark, 952 NW 6, Moore, reported he watched some object with a reddish light on top and a white light on the bottom hover at what he estimated as 2,000 feet above Will Rogers World Airport around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"I couldn't see the shape of it," he said, "but I could see it had two distinct sources of light. It kinda shakes you up; it's no laughing matter."

Stark said he called his wife over when he had the object lined up between two houses. It hovered there, he said, as lights from a plane passed at the same level, then took off and disappeared.

Stark said the lights on the object were "six or eight times brighter than a star." Stark, a pre-dental student at Central State College, Edmond, is a sports writer for The Daily Oklahoman.

Like the unidentified flying objects, the Oklahoma City police switchboard glowed brightly with numerous reported sightings, mostly from the west side of town.

One youth reported seeing an object rise either from Lake Hefner or its shoreline. Another reported seeing two round objects circling about a mile from his home at 1044 SW 48. He said the objects flashed red lights and headed south at a high rate of speed.

Joe Sprinkle, 11, said, he, his parents and sister watched a bright orange object that "looked like a ball of fire" appear on the edge of the city. He said the UFO first headed south, then it appeared to reverse as it "just zoomed by."

Another resident saw a bright blue object "with a tail" about halfway up in the sky from his home at NW Hill and Shartel. He said he watched it for about two minutes at about 8:30 p.m.

W. R. Bill Clark, 9609 N Western, said he and his wife watched three separate UFO's at about 8:30 p.m. He said one headed northeast to southwest on the east side of the city, and a short time later one headed in the opposite direction on the west side. A third, he said, moved straight west.

He said all three appeared to be red and traveled at a terrific rate of speed, taking only a minute or two to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.

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2 Tuesday, August 3, 1965

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?- -Now We Wonder

By Jim Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the State Staff

Stars, meteors and unusual atmospheric conditions were the official air force explanation Monday of a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects Sunday night throughout most of Oklahoma and into neighboring states.

Meanwhile, sightings of unexplained objects in the sky were continuing.

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The objects, sometimes described as glowing lights, were spotted in Norman, Blanchard, Woodward, Tishomingo, Durant, Hobart, Oklahoma City and other parts of the state and in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico.

The lights were reported over a period of several hours and the objects varied in size, shape and color.

In Cushing, J. C. Knoch, used furniture dealer, and his son, Ricky, 11, saw what they described as a large circular object flying over northeast Cushing at 12:50 p.m. Monday in full daylight.

Knoch, in the process of building a new furniture store, was looking out the window of the old store when he spotted the object. He described it as having black stripes or black windows and silver on the bottom side. It almost hurt his eyes to look at it, he said.

Four boys in Oklahoma City reported seeing approximately the same type of thing at 3:30 p.m. Monday on SE 44. They said they spotted a silver triangular object, striped and glowing, headed east across the sky and disappearing into the clouds.

The air force, in its announcement from Washington, said initial study of the flood of sighting reports indicated the sightings were "astronomical in nature."

"The objects observed may have been the planet Jupiter or stars Rigel Capella, Betelguese or Aldebaran which were visible," the air force statement continued. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion."

The air force denied an unconfirmed report that the objects had been tracked by radar and denied that any planes were scrambled in an attempt to intercept or identify the UFO's.

The air force statement also pointed out that temperature, distribution and variant wind speeds both Sunday and Monday over the great plains from northern Texas to Wyoming were favorable to "scintillation."

The term was described as a natural phenomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere.

Another possibility, the air force said, is that observers were seeing the Aquaiad, commonly called the Delta meteor shower, which is occurring this year from July 26 to August 6. The meteor shower appears from the southeast in long streaks, trailing sparks.

Though the air force thinks the objects are stars, the investigation is continuing, they said.

Prof. H. S. Mendenhall, OSU mathematics professor and astronomer, favors the scintillation theory and recalled that air force pilots in World War II reported being chased and even firing at what they thought were enemy planes but which turned out to be the planet Venus.

He said such illusions probably are caused by an unstable atmosphere, which spreads out the light into a spectrum of its basic colors, acting like a prism.

He said the prism effect could account for Sunday night reports of blue, green and red lights reported in the skies.

He speculated the sightings were meteorites, clouds, balloons, "or anything but interplanetary ships or travelers from outer space."

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Five boys reported to Oklahoma City that at dusk they saw a round, shiny object without wings close to the ground in the 600 block on NW 63.

Two Oklahoma City boys, Robert Colbert, 11 and Charles Delhotal, at the Delhotal home, 512 NW 41, saw a red light blinking on and off. They said the object was a big "oval-like" thing flying to the north and then it stopped and reversed.

Hobart Police Chief Doss Kutch said there was no question of an UFO southwest of Hobart. He checked after receiving a report Kutch said he and his wife saw the bright object.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Obert Bennett reported sighting a green object north of Tishomingo traveling "high up." He said a jet plane seemed close to the object.

Several Woodward citizens reported seeing a solid red globe flying over Woodward at 10:30 p.m.

The Norman police department said a Cleveland County resident, Charles Boyd, reported from "the scene of an UFO" and that his report was confirmed by four persons at the scene. The group viewed through a tripod-mounted power telescope a white globe, 30 to 40 feet in diameter, 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman. They said the object appeared to move forward, backward and then up and down.

A Cicero, Ill., visitor, Ron Buscemi, at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, at Blanchard saw a strange object for the second time Monday.

Three radio club members out "spotting" reported to the Norman police department Monday night they had sighted an unidentified object northwest of Norman's Max Westheimer Field.

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‘Objects’ for 20 Years

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES NEWSPAPER 4 AUGUST 1965

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' fo

(Editor's Note: John Cassden Currey, who prepared the following report, has an extensive background in aviation and military intelligence affairs going back to World War II.)

By John Cassden Currey

The recent rash of reports on unidentified flying objects (UFO's) revives a problem which has plagued air intelligence staffs for nearly two decades.

During World War II, such reports came often from Sweden, or from underground sources near the Baltic Sea. Correlated with reconnaissance photos and other intelligence, they gave us early data on test flights of the V-1 and V-2 weapons, and on certain other experimental devices which did not get into production for the Nazi war machine.

After the war, reports of "flying stovepipes" over Scandinavia were at first regarded as evidence that the Russians had taken over the Peenemunde experiments and were developing certain Nazi projects for their own use. Soon these gave way to "flying saucer" reports and from Stockholm the locale shifted to Dayton, Fort Knox, Los Alamos, El Paso, and Oak Ridge. Nervous officials admitted these sensitive sites were too important to permit any possible reconnaissance to go undetected.

So the air intelligence crews were ordered to collect, correlate, and analyze the reports. One of the first officers saddled with this unwelcome chore was Maj. Gen. Robert N. Smith, USAF, who has just completed a tour of duty as director of intelligence of SAC and reports to the Pentagon this month for duty as director of plans, USAF. He was then a lieutenant colonel; his progress has not been impeded by those seeking to explain the relatively small number of cases in which the object is really unidentifiable.

In the majority of cases, there are explanations, and they do not involve visitors from another planet, or even another continent. If you have seen what you think was a UFO, you are not likely to accept any of these explanations, I find. If, like most people, you see only what is normally there when you look skyward, these explanations may help.

ONE — Most common daytime UFO is the balloon. The great balloons carrying scientific instruments can rise to fantastic heights, and in the hours near dawn or dusk can take on brilliant hues. They sometimes take on odd shapes, too, because they are made of transparent but reflective film. Thus a reflection from the near surface is mixed with a reflection from the far inner surface. I have seen a perfect example of the "flying saucer" shape formed this way — () — and have even seen it "launch" something toward earth. The instrument pack drops clear, followed by a long, unfurled chute which does not umbrella into the familiar shape until near the earth, out of sight of distant observers. Balloons may look like large stars or small moons in the pre-dawn sky, since they are high enough to catch the sunlight long before full daylight.

TWO — Most common night-flying UFO is the ordinary, common airplane. Many through flights now pass over mid-America so high that all sound is carried far downwind, and observers directly below hear nothing, but see the running lights. Depending on the angle, 3 or 4 running lights are seen at one time, as a rule, and these "fly formation." Some blink on and off, others are steady. Some planes have brilliant blue-white strobe lights flashing. All have red left wingtip, green right wingtip, and white tail lights, and most have the orange-red flashing anticollision lights above and below the main spar. As these military jets and airliners pass overhead, the shifting relative position of the ground observer makes some lights disappear (behind wings, tail, or fuselage) as others appear.

THREE — Satellites account for many sightings. If the "star" is moving in the wrong direction and is not a plane, it is probably a manmade satellite. At present, 2 Echo satellites and 3 of the Pegasus orbiters are visible to the naked eye on regular schedules. Others seen without glasses have included the Atlas that had President Eisenhower's recorded voice aboard, and various short-lived rockets and casings.

Echo I Up 5 Years

Echo I moves west to east, in various tracks. Originally a round, 100-foot balloon of pure silver on mylar film, it is now badly out of shape. Called "Old Prune-face" by scientists, it sees bright, then dim, as it alternately catches the light, then tumbles. It is still in a circular orbit after five years of silent travel.

Echo II is a larger, more rigid globe, in a polar orbit. The earth turns under its orbit, so it does not cover the same path each trip as far as ground observers are concerned. Whether headed north or south, it has one distinctive characteristic: it seems to arise from the north or south pole, and set into the opposite pole. Thus, if it is east of the observer, it may travel northeast from the point due south where it is first visible, then seem to swing north. Finally, it swings back northwesterly to its rendezvous with the north pole. If its orbit happens to pass directly overhead, it seems to fly in a straight line.

Pegasus, named for the winged horse of mythology, catches space dust by spreading huge wings, about 100 feet across. When these wings catch the sun's rays fully, it is a brilliant planet to the viewer. As it slowly turns edgewise, it may show colors briefly, then shrink to a pinpoint of blue light. A bit farther on, it is again bright white.

View's Range 12-20 Minutes

As a general rule, satellites are in view from 12 to 20 minutes. Since scientists have erred on this point, one hesitates to make too positive a statement. (Some orbits are elliptical, and produce extended views from time to time.)

FOUR — Lights reflected on low clouds, or beams caught by high "invisible" night haze, have been proved to be the cause of some UFO sightings.

Having said all that, one must add a few more facts. First, the stars and planets do move across the sky, and in a circle around the North Star, Polaris. If the object slowly, slowly passes a tree or pole moving in a clockwise direction around the north pole star, it is one of these heavenly bodies that has always been there, "hung aloft the night like Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite." There is [illegible] of meteorites that seem to come [illegible] slope [illegible] or 20 Years

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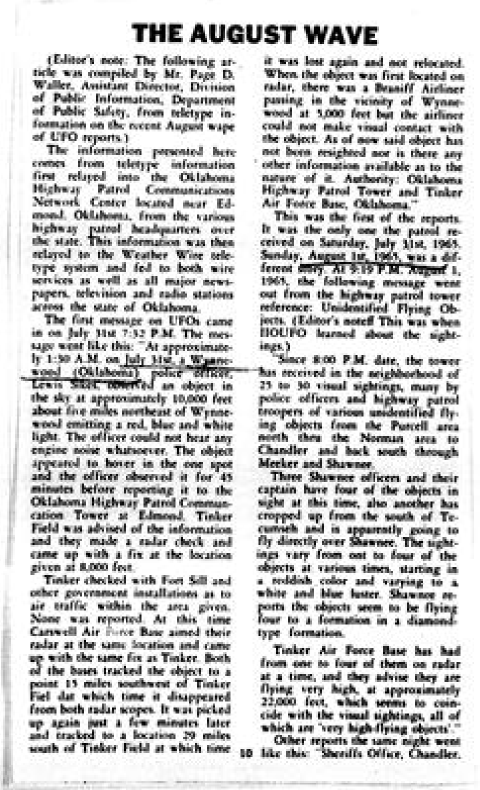

THE AUGUST WAVE

(Editor's note: The following article was compiled by Mr. Page D. Waller, Assistant Director, Division of Public Information, Department of Public Safety, from teletype information on the recent August wape of UFO reports.)

The information presented here comes from teletype information first relayed into the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Network Center located near Edmond, Oklahoma, from the various highway patrol headquarters over the state. This information was then relayed to the Weather Wire teletype system and fed to both wire services as well as all major newspapers, television and radio stations across the state of Oklahoma.

The first message on UFOs came in on July 31st 7:52 P.M. The message went like this: "At approximately 1:30 A.M. on July 31st, a Wynnewood (Oklahoma) police officer, Lewis Sikes, observed an object in the sky at approximately 10,000 feet about five miles northeast of Wynnewood emitting a red, blue and white light. The officer could not hear any engine noise whatsoever. The object appeared to hover in the one spot and the officer observed it for 45 minutes before reporting it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communication Tower at Edmond. Tinker Field was advised of the information and they made a radar check and came up with a fix at the location given at 8,000 feet.

Tinker checked with Fort Sill and other government installations as to air traffic within the area given. None was reported. At this time Carswell Air Force Base aimed their radar at the same location and came up with the same fix as Tinker. Both of the bases tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker Fiel dat which time it disappeared from both radar scopes. It was picked up again just a few minutes later and tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker Field at which time it was lost again and not relocated. When the object was first located on radar, there was a Braniff Airliner passing in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 feet but the airliner could not make visual contact with the object. As of now said object has not been resighted nor is there any other information available as to the nature of it. Authority: Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tower and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma."

This was the first of the reports. It was the only one the patrol received on Saturday, July 31st, 1965. Sunday, August 1st, 1965, was a different story. At 9:19 P.M. August 1, 1965, the following message went out from the highway patrol tower reference: Unidentified Flying Objects. (Editor's noteff This was when IIOUFO learned about the sightings.)

"Since 8:00 P.M. date, the tower has received in the neighborhood of 25 to 30 visual sightings, many by police officers and highway patrol troopers of various unidentified flying objects from the Purcell area north thru the Norman area to Chandler and back south through Meeker and Shawnee.

Three Shawnee officers and their captain have four of the objects in sight at this time, also another has cropped up from the south of Tecumseh and is apparently going to fly directly over Shawnee. The sightings vary from one to four of the objects at various times, starting in a reddish color and varying to a white and blue luster. Shawnee reports the objects seem to be flying four to a formation in a diamond-type formation.

Tinker Air Force Base has had from one to four of them on radar at a time, and they advise they are flying very high, at approximately 22,000 feet, which seems to coincide with the visual sightings, all of which are 'very high-flying objects'."

Other reports the same night went like this: "Sheriffs Office, Chandler,

Stars in Their Eyes? Many Insist 'Flying Objects' Seen

Despite Air Force claims that Oklahomans were literally "seeing stars," reports continued to flood in of unidentified flying object sightings Tuesday.

Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium, said it is a "mystery where the air force got its information" that the objects may have been the planet Jupiter.

"Jupiter is not in view this time of year," Johnson said.

The only planets visible now are Mars, which is overhead in the early evening, and Venus. Saturn comes into view in the morning, he said.

People may be seeing Antares, a star in the south, which changes colors drastically, or Vega, which is overhead about 9 p.m., he said.

One report even had a UFO landing near Justin, Texas, 11 miles from Denton.

Other reports had green UFO's, red UFO's and brilliant white UFO's zipping, hovering and streaking through unusually clear summer skies.

Hundreds of reports streamed into the Highway Patrol, police departments, Tinker Air Force Base, the U. S. Weather Bureau and news media for the third straight night.

Still, the Air Force stuck to its released announcement from Washington, D. C., that some reports could be observations of a Delta meteor shower occurring from July 26 through August 6.

The Air Force statement also said that during the past two days temperature distribution and wind speeds over the great plains were favorable to "scintillation," the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when viewed through layers of the atmosphere.

But, people still reported seeing strange, undefined things.

In Fort Smith, Ark., two high school students, Ronnie Coble, 17, and Jack Clark, 17, both of Van Buren saw egg-shaped three UFO's streak overhead. Five minutes later they saw a fourth, they said.

In Texas two Tarrant County deputy sheriffs reported a brilliant object that "looked like a magnesium flare" appeared to touch ground near Justin. The men spotted it while on patrol near Eagle Mountain Lake.

Peace officers swarmed into the area but several hours later they reported their search revealed nothing.

About the same time, scores of residents in Fort Worth and Denton told of observing a bright light as it streaked northward across the sky.

Telephone callers asked Denton officers about a white glare which, they said, appeared to touch ground in the Justin vicinity.

A policeman at Lewisville, in south Denton County, reported a multi-colored object passed within 100 feet of the Lewisville Dam.

A Norman man, Charles Boyd, said he and four other persons watched a white globe, which they estimated to be 30 to 40 feet in diameter hover about 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman.

Boyd said the object appeared to move forward, backward, then up and down.

Robert Bennett, a Highway Patrolman on duty at Tishomingo, said he sighted a "green UFO" travelling northeast at high altitudes.

Woodward police officer, Jim Peak, said he verified reports from several residents that a "solid red globe" was flying over the

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Mystery Objects There All Along?

Look at the sky long enough and you'll see — or imagine you see — all sorts of things, particularly if you're not accustomed to sky-watching.

That's why so many people are seeing unidentified flying objects, explains Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium.

He says the natural phenomenon which cause such illusions are present all the time, but usually go unnoticed.

"Normally," he says, "people don't pay much attention to the sky. But, when you have a lot of people gazing skyward, they'll see things they never paid any attention to before."

Johnson believes that in a great majority of cases, the unidentified objects people notice are simply bright stars that they hadn't noticed before.

Also, certain atmospheric conditions, such as "scintillation," make distant objects appear to move around or change color.

This is also the time of year, explains Johnson, when there are an unusually large number of meteor showers.

"The next strong meteor shower will be August 10 and it will be interesting to see if we get a large number of UFO reports at that time."

Johnson believes many of the UFOs may be such planets as Mars, Venus, Saturn, Antares or Vega. All appear much brighter than other stars this time of year.

Another bright planet, Jupiter, is not visible this time of year.

"I'm not saying people are not seeing what they report," Johnson pointed out. "I believe they are simply seeing a phenomenon they haven't noticed before, one which creates some kind of optical illusion."

Since the current rush of UFO sightings started, Johnson has observed the skies several nights hoping to spot some unusual object.

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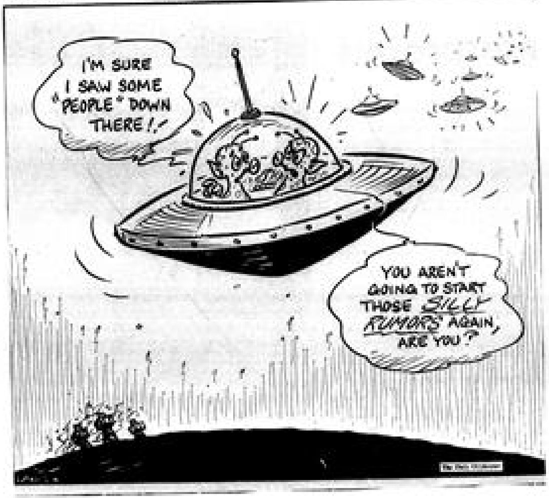
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YOU AREN'T GOING TO START THOSE SILLY RUMORS AGAIN, ARE YOU?

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES
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Interest Revived in Sightings by 'Saucer'

Chicago Daily News Service

Renewed interest in unidentified flying objects has been stirred by five recent sightings of them overseas and by Mariner 4's successful photographing of the planet Mars.

Richard Hall, acting director of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington said the world is experiencing its biggest increase in UFO sightings since 1957.

Hall and many members of his group believe that some of the objects are from distant planets, the products of extra-terrestrial intelligence.

Hall said so far most of the increase has been in other countries.

The air force officer in charge of investigating all U. S. sightings said that in the 17 years the air force has been investigating such objects no evidence has been turned up to indicate that the objects were guided by intelligent beings.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla jr., chief of Project Blue

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Disappointed Cityan a CFUFOer Now

Hopeful Gazer Draws Blank

By Ben Berger

THE SNFSS had at least one new member Tuesday. He also is eligible for membership in the CFUFO lodge.

SNFSS is the Stiff Neck from Scanning Skies, while CFUFO is Can't Find Unidentified Flying Objects.

The skies were clear Monday night and a comfortable lawn chair provided the viewing spot—but all that appeared were the galaxy of stars, including the only one the viewer could identify, the Big Dipper, and possibly the North star, which is pointed out by the Big Dipper.

Nearest thing to a UFO observed was the handle of the Big Dipper. When caught in the fringes of the bifocals it changed color, and when movement placed it in the bifocal section it moved.

There was one triangular form of stars directly overhead. The hypotenuse formed by an east and a west star, while the right angle was based with a brightly shining north star.

One anxious moment came when after observing other stars the triangle could not immediately be located—but it was there bright as ever when the aging, rather weary eyes were able to focus properly.

If Jupiter, Rigel Capella of Aldebaran were present they were not identified by the amateur observer.

This by no means implies there are no UFOs flying around in our atmosphere—it means simply the SNFSS new member couldn't locate one.

There's one bright spot to this new talk of UFOs—it has brought lots of people from in front of the black boxes in their air-conditioned houses.

Some Oklahoma Cityans breathed good ole fresh air—and watched the stars (in the sky) for the first time in years.

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Book, said investigations have revealed the so-called flying saucers to be astronomical objects, aircraft, balloons, satellites and even clouds.

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GARAGE-TOP ROOST is a keen vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects, these young star gazers decided Monday night. Twelve-year-old Asa Mayes jr., left, 4100 NW 21 Terr., and Randy Stansel, 14, of 4120 NW 21 Terr., like hundreds of other city residents, spent the evening scanning the skies for those mystery flying objects. Story on Page 1. (Staff Photo by Bob Heaton)

33. July 31, 1965, Wynnewood, Oklahoma, police officer sighted a bright UFO at 1:05 a.m. Full story to follow.

Photo by D. V. Critchfield

Two Oklahoma City girls reported seeing a flare in the southwest part of the city.

Mary Beth Tucker, 16, of 2504 SW 54 Pl., said, "We saw a flare. It was white on bottom and reddish on top. We thought it was flying. We were on SW 44 just off Walker. It looked like it was over I. H. 35."

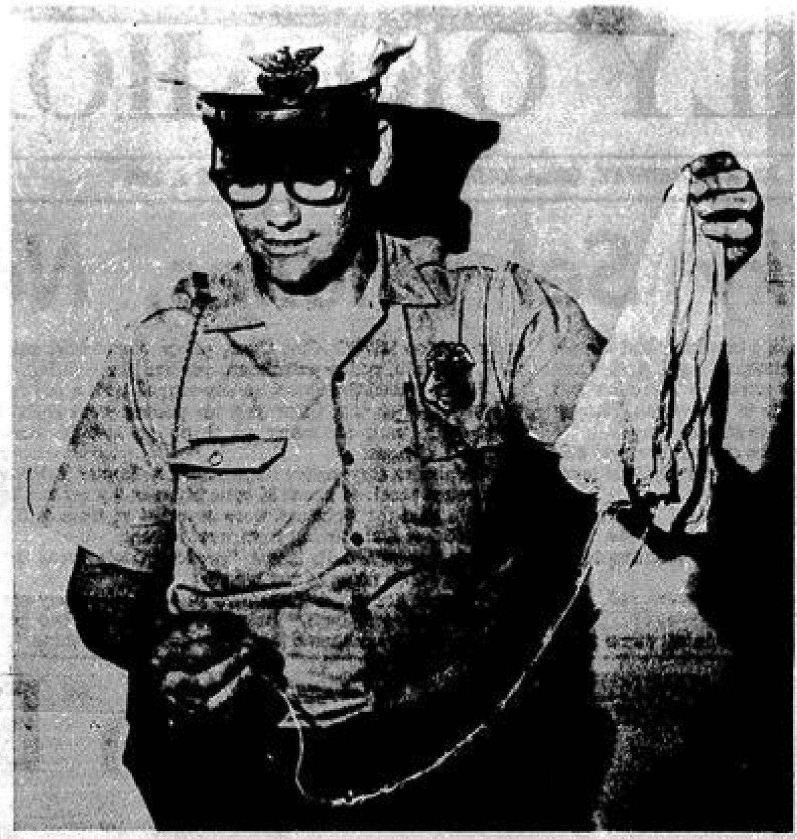
Her companion, Sherry R. Rutledge, 18, of 332 SE 19, said, "It scared us to death. Goosebumps were all over us."

A small white parachute carrying a burnt out flare was brought to Oklahoma City police headquarters about 11 p.m. after an unidentified caller had told police that he saw it drift from the skies and land on S. Shields.

A little excitement turned to chuckles at headquarters when the parachute was discovered to be a crudely made floater apparently contrived from something that resembled a woman's white scarf.

Attached to the end of about six white strings was a heavy object that resembled a well-worn cigar butt. Officers, scratching their heads, said it really was the remains of a flare.

But no one anywhere had courage enough even to hint there were any little green men connected with the whole thing.



From the heavens, though probably from a standard earth-type plane, came this crudely-built flare parachute Sunday night in the midst of dozens of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the city area. The chute, held by officer Richard Boyd, was spotted floating down near SE 53 and Shields by Doyle Park, 3338 SW 38. (Staff Photo by Tony Wood)

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Bright Objects in Sky Set Phones, Nerves Jingling

By Jim Jackson
Of the State Staff

Unidentified [illegible] and several flying in [illegible] formation [illegible] were reported [illegible] in Oklahoma [illegible] Sunday night [illegible] Mexico and Texas [illegible].

[illegible] phones [illegible] the [illegible].

The highway patrol said some of the sightings were confirmed by Tinker Air Force Base radar. A Tinker spokesman, however, said he could neither confirm nor deny the radar blips.

The objects were seen in diamond-shaped formations at Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing and Chandler.

Three different Shawnee police cars watched the diamond formation for 30 to 40 minutes after 9 p.m. They were described as moving in a northerly direction and changing colors from [illegible] to blue-green. The officers said they moved [illegible] side to side at times.

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Cushing officers reported the [illegible] were red, blue and white.

In Chickasha, the first reported sighting came from radio station KWCO. Jim Cline, police dispatcher, and C. V. Barnhill, police patrolman, verified the sighting.

He described the object as [illegible]-shaped with [illegible] red [illegible] lights on top. Cline said his phones were [illegible] with calls, with as many as three at a time, from alarmed citizens.

Oklahoma City police [illegible] said police received about [illegible] calls between [illegible] p.m. [illegible]

[illegible] east and south parts of the city.

"People are upset. They want to know what [illegible] and we can't tell them," Briscoe said. "[illegible] me thoroughly convinced that these are the real thing."

"We haven't had a prank call yet. [illegible]"

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tion office, refused to comment on the radar report.

He issued the following statement on behalf of the air force base:

"The reported sightings this evening will be investigated by air force personnel and additional information on the reported sightings will be available from headquarters, U. S. Air Force, office of information, when all aspects of the investigation have been completed."

Mrs. Bill Tipton, who lives 3½ miles west of Davenport on U. S. 66, watched an object she described as reddish on the bottom and white on top hover in one spot for 25 minutes and then move off to the west.

"It was quite a way up at first, some distance on west of where we live. It stayed right there in one spot for quite a while," she said. Mrs. Tipton said the first sighting was about 8:45 p.m.

Mrs. Tipton said Mrs. Joe Logue, three of Mrs. Logue's daughters and a son, all watched the object with her.

Carl Broadfoot, Liberal, Kan., reported seeing a UFO 16 miles east of Forgan at 9:20 p.m. headed in a southeast direction.

The highway patrol said the same object apparently moved over Guymon about five minutes later. A Guymon resident reported it looked like a large comet with fireworks but was too high for a plane and there were no stars around it.

The highway patrol also had reports of sightings from Paul Frazier, Tulsa; a Tulsa policeman; from Lynn Wood, Gage, and others.

Police in three southwestern New Mexico cities received reports of objects in the sky. Witnesses said they changed color from white to orange.

New Mexico sightings were reported at Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia City.

In Bartlesville, a caller told police he saw what appeared to be either a plane on fire going down southwest of Bartlesville or a large meteor.

A Del City resident reported he saw an object move east to west across the sky, changing from red to white and back to red. He said it took about a minute and a half for it to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.

First sighting report Sunday night was from the area between Purcell and Norman. Officers, however, could not verify any moving objects in the sky but noted the Evening Star was unusually brilliant.

In the midst of all the influx of UFO reports, some wit tapped out his sentiments on the highway patrol-weather bureau-news room wire: "I think I go to the funny house."

Sunday night's reports followed a sighting near Wynnewood early Saturday that was verified by Tinker and Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth. Lewis Sikes, on night police duty in Wynnewood, watched the object 45 minutes. He said it had flashing red, white and blue lights and hovered at about 10,000 feet northeast of Wynnewood.

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More Evidence Claimed

'Saucers' Fly Pattern

"I have several lines drawn and it is shaping up into something, but it is too early to tell."

With that, Hayden Hewes, Oklahoma City shipping clerk who spends his idle time investigating flying saucers, busied himself Monday with plotting the course of unidentified flying objects reported sighted over Oklahoma and eight other states.

"It's shaping up to more and more evidence that there was really something there — and on a flight path," Hewes said.

He said there have been as many as 2,000 reports from the area, many from Oklahoma.

Hewes believes the sightings since Biblical times have been scout ships from outer space, flown or controlled by intelligent beings.

Monday, he was compiling a chronological listing of sightings that began in Wynnewood two days ago and spread throughout the state and adjoining areas by Sunday night.

Of the latest reports, Hewes said: "It's too confusing. It is possible they are interplanetary. It is equally possible they are a government project or weather balloon."

He said, however, he leans more toward the spaceman theory, explaining: "It is possible it was a slight invasion for information about our planet. Wouldn't you say our Mariner 4 invaded Mars?"

Hewes went without sleep Sunday night as he watched the skies from the highway patrol's headquarters in Edmond.

"I myself and six highway patrolmen and a television cameraman saw an object flashing red, white and blue lights and hovering for about an hour."

Bill Reefer, an associate of Hewes, said he saw one himself.

"I saw something. I wouldn't elaborate. When I get one of these things on the ground and get in there and really go to work on it, I would be more inclined to talk," he said.

"Most people are interested in the beings flying these things. But I'm more interesting in the propulsion and the material of which it is constructed.

"I believe there is something there. As to what, I wouldn't hazard a guess."

Hayden Hewes plots "saucer" course.

Sky Objects Excite Region

By Jack Taylor

Reports of unidentified flying objects swamped civilian and military authorities in at least four states before dawn Monday.

Scores of sightings were reported in Oklahoma, many in the Oklahoma City area.

Air force officials at Tinker AFB said they are investigating, but that further comment will have to come from Washington. This is normal procedure.

All Colors, Shapes

The brilliantly-colored objects apparently were similar to those reported by a Wynnewood policeman two days ago.

The UFO's have been described as egg- or turtle-shaped, flying in formation, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors.

The weather bureau at Tulsa said it tracked UFO's on its theodolight (visual tracking unit) and that they moved precisely with the stars.

A spokesman explained the night was exceptionally clear and some of the brighter stars "rose" in the sky and tended to give off strange lighting near the horizon.

Sightings were reported in a steady stream between 8 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas.

Radar at weather bureaus and air force bases scattered throughout the area reported tracking something.

One civilian UFO enthusiast said he received reports from counterparts that sightings ranged over a 9-state area.

The deluge of reports is the heaviest in the 17-year recorded history of UFO's, he said.

City Calls Heavy

Oklahoma City police said they received 30 to 40 UFO reports during the night.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters reported a similar experience and at one point three dispatchers couldn't handle all the reports.

Reports of UFO's poured in from Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart, Texas; Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia, N. M.; Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield. Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita, Kan.

In Oklahoma, they came from Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing, Guymon, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Meeker, Chandler, Gage, Del City and Oklahoma City.

The air force's official UFO center at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, was reported launching an investigation Monday.

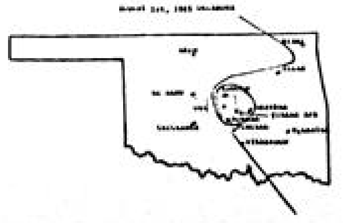
An air force spokesman for the Oklahoma City Air Defense Command refused to confirm or deny a report that a plane was sent after one of the UFO's.

North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs was reported in touch with the air force in connection with the UFO sightings.

The Sedgwick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan., said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Tinker was tracking as many as four UFO's on its radar screen at one time, estimated their altitude at about 22,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman declined comment, however.

THE MAIN INVASION WAVE



Wynnewood, Oklahoma
July 31, 1965

At 1:05 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, July 31st the UFO's came back to Oklahoma. Wynnewood, Oklahoma police officer, Lewis Sikes, 29, reported an unidentified flying object approximately 30-35° NE of Wynnewood. Officer Sikes did not realize that the UFO was also being watched simultaneously by radar from Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City and Carswell AFB, Fort Worth, Texas. Officer Sikes observed the UFO with his wife for approximately 10 minutes in front of their home, when Officer Sikes drove across town and observed the UFO for another three minutes. His wife, Gail-Jean continued to watch the UFO until 2:30 a.m.

An "intelligent control" was indicated during the first 10 minutes of observation when the object abruptly gained 1000-1500 ft. in altitude (estimated by Sikes to be 10,000 ft., confirmed by radar at 8,000 ft.) The UFO remained stationary for several minutes and abruptly loss approximately 1500-2000 ft. The UFO then moved to the west for approximately 1000-1500 ft. and returned to the original location, at which time it moved to the east for approximately 100-1500 ft. then returned to its original position.

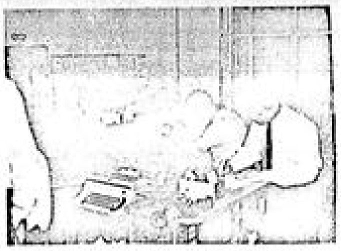
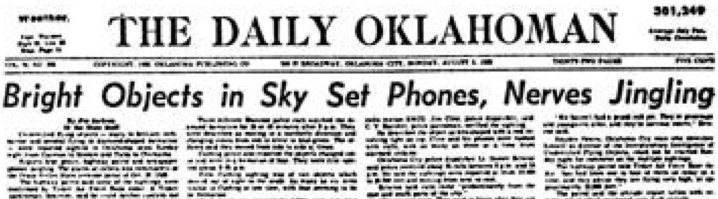


Photo by D. V. Critchfield

The night sky was clear and many stars were visible. The UFO appeared to be three times as bright as the evening star and was estimated by Sikes to be five miles NE of Wynnewood. The UFO appeared as a "light" source. The UFO itself was white with a blue-green center, with a red rotating light circuling the center.

At approximately 1.15 Officer Sikes drove across town and once again observed the UFO. His wife stated that while he was gone the UFO seemed to change colors and fade out. The UFO then reappeared and she watch it until she went in. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB, tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker when it disappeared. A few minutes later, it was tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker when it was lost again. A Brainiff airliner in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 ft. was notified but the airline pilot said no visual contact with the UFO was made. Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs. Robert Sikes, also watched the UFO and reported that it faded out was gone.

I first learned of the Wynnewood sighting at 9:05 a.m. when Mr. Mike Buchanan of KWTV, Oklahoma City, called to see what I



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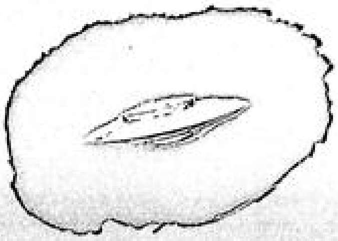
knew about it. Within an hour my wife, Karon, DeWayne Critchfield, our photographer and Public Relations man were on our way. I was permitted to interview Officer Sikes for two hours. We returned to Oklahoma City and started putting the story on paper. Sunday afternoon with the help of W. F. Riefer, our Senior Director, we interviewed Officer Sikes again. Upon returning to Oklahoma City a full report was typed out.

At 9:00 a.m. the telephone rang and Mike Buchanan said that the Oklahoma Highway Patrol tower located near Edmond, Oklahoma had been receiving UFO reports since 8:08 p.m. So far they had received in the neighborhood of 25-30 reports. The UFO's were sighted frm Purcell north thru Norman to Chandler and back south through Meeker and Shawnee. Shawnee reported that the UFO's were flying in a diamond type formation. Cushing reported four of the UFO's. Tinker AFB, stated they had four UFO's on radar at 22,000 ft. which coincided with visual sightings. The UFO's were all mult-colored. They hovered for as much as two hours, faded out or shot off.

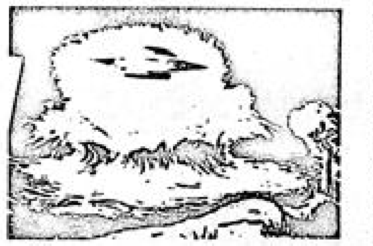


As the night continued so did the UFO reports. Chickasha, Guymon, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Chandler, Gage, Del City, Midwest City, Edmond, El Reno and Oklahoma City. Then the reports came in from Texas, Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart. New Mexico also reported UFO's over Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia. The UFO reports that came in from Kans. Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita also reported the UFO's as egg-or turtle shaped flying in formations, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors. By midnight UPI from Dallas reported that several thousand UFO's had been sighted over Texas and Oklahoma. I was at the all night. Reports came in faster than they could be logged. Ft. Sill, Harrah, Yukon, Pauls Valley, Strat-
Oklahoma Highway Patrol Tower
ford, Lindsay, Pawnee, Ardmore, McAlester, Wewoka, Durant, Vinita, Miami, Sapulpa, Coalgate and Eufaula. Also all sightings were made by State Highway Patrol Units and police officers.

The Air Force in its announcement in Washington said initial study of the flood of sightings indicated the sightings were "astronomical in nature." "The objects observed may have been the planet Jupiter or stars Rigel, Capella, Betelguese or Aldebaran which were visible," the Air Force statement continued. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion." It was also pointed out that the temperature, distribution and variant wind speeds were favorable to "scintillation." "Scintillation" is a natural phenomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere. It was also a possibility that the observers were seeing the Aquaiad, commonly called the Delta Meteor shower which is occuring from July 26 to August 6.

Dale Johnson, IIOUFO Scientific Panel member and Associate Director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium located in Oklahoma City said it is a "mystery where the Air Force get its information." Robert Risser of the Oklahoma Science and Arts Foundation, Kirkpatrick Planetarium said observers certainly did not see the planets and stars the Air Force claim. "That is as far from the truth as you can get," Risser said. "Some one has made a mistake. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma at this time of the year.

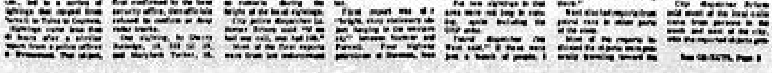
About 9:30 p.m. one of the closest observations was made by a Air Force weather expert through a 40 power spotting scope when it flew over Norman, Oklahoma. "The thing was moving fast and was observed for less than five minutes. It was estimated to be 20,000 ft. up and pitched at a 45° angle. It was surrounded by a bluish halo, but the saucer shape was easy to distinguish. There were two sets of revolving, pulsating lights on its perimeter. The saucer was illuminated by the red lights. The lights were pulsating, dim to bright and then bright to dim.



There were several reports from Oklahoma and neighboring states that several UFO's had landed. At 3:14 a.m. Sapulpa, Oklahoma reported that a larger UFO was on the ground near Pole Cat Creek Bridge on US 75A between Sapulpa and Keifer. It was a large light about 50-75 feet across and was oblong. The grass upon investigation showed evidence that something had been there.

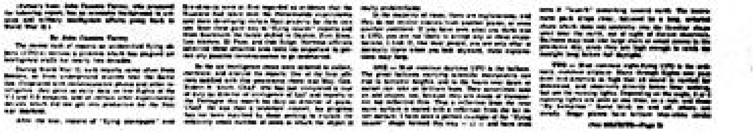
Of all the landings, two in Oklahoma City are the most convencing. An Oklahoma City man between 55-60 reported that while he was fishing at Lake Hefner a large "suacer shaped" object, with a dome on top and a flat bottom rose out of the lake, hovered and flew off. He was admitted to an Oklahoma City hospital in a state of shock. His observation was on Saturday afternoon about 1:30 two days before drawings of the objects that appeared in the newspapers which were sighted the night after the Wynnewood sighting and the night before the invasion. (See page 12)

On Monday night about 11:15 p.m. a little six year old girl was burned by a "saucer shaped object" in Northeast Oklahoma City.



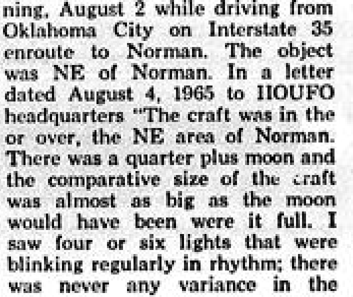
Flying Objects Zooming Over State

Air Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for 20 Years



She was picked up by ambulance and taken to an Oklahoma City, hospital. She had received third degree burns over 60½ of her body and her clothes had not been burned. I conducted a personal investigation with Major C. W. Dutreaun, of the Oklahoma Civil Defense and located three witnesses to the pick up, but all Oklahoma City hospitals state that no admittance was made. I wonder who gave the "clam up" orders?

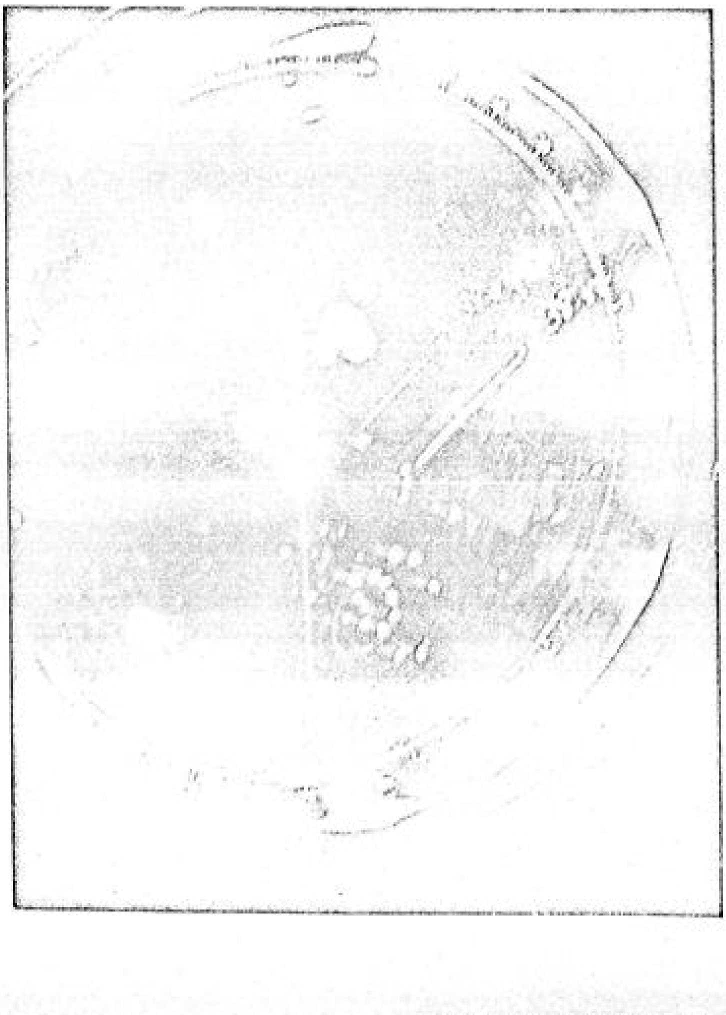
An Oklahoma Civil Defense officer sighted a UFO between 10:30 until 11:00 p.m. on Monday evening, August 2 while driving from Oklahoma City on Interstate 35 enroute to Norman. The object was NE of Norman. In a letter dated August 4, 1965 to IIOUFO headquarters "The craft was in the or over, the NE area of Norman. There was a quarter plus moon and the comparative size of the craft was almost as big as the moon would have been were it full. I saw four or six lights that were blinking regularly in rhythm; there was never any variance in the rhythm. I did not bother to count the lights because I was so startled, but half of them were red and half of them were either blue, green, or blue-green; the colors were alternated and were arranged in a circle that in my view looked oval-shaped. The red lights blinked simultaneously, and then the other colored lights would blink simultaneously. All this time the lights were traveling in a counter-clockwise motion on the craft.



The astounding thing to me was that the lights traveled to a point east of Moore, or NE of Norman. Then it emitted a short brilliant white or yellowish flash and suddenly changed its direction and began to travel toward the southwest towards Norman. When it reached a point southwest of Norman it again emitted that white or yellowish flash and once again began traveling toward the NE of Norman. I will further say that this object was too clear, too rhytmical and too complex to be an illusion or a scintillation" (All information on file IIOUFO headquarters.)

The following information was received from the Chief of Police, Sentinel, Oklahoma. "At approximately 1:15 a.m. this date (August 2nd) the officer on duty, called by public service to report that several police units around the area was observing UFO's. At approximately 1:20 a.m. I was picked up and went west of town 1¼ miles, turned off our lights and started observing. From reports from the Granite police unit, we got a bearing on the approximately location of the object, and at 1:30 a.m. observed it ourself. When we first observed the UFO, it was moving in a northeasterly direction at a rapid speed, appearing to change colors of amber, white and a pale

UFO, Tracked On Radar



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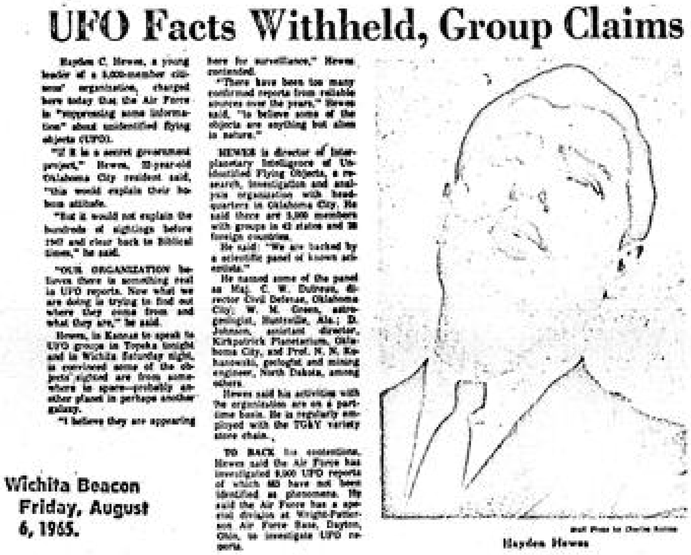


UFO Facts Withheld, Group Claims

Hayden C. Hewes, a young leader of a 3,000-member citizens' organization, charged here today that the Air Force is "suppressing some information" about unidentified flying objects (UFO).

"If it is a secret government project," Hewes, 22-year-old Oklahoma City resident said, "this would explain their hush attitude.

"But it would not explain the hundreds of sightings before 1947 and clear back to Biblical times," he said.

"OUR ORGANIZATION believes there is something real in UFO reports. Now what we are doing is trying to find out where they come from and what they are," he said.

Hewes, in Kansas to speak to UFO groups in Topeka tonight and in Wichita Saturday night, is convinced some of the objects sighted are from somewhere in space—probably another planet in perhaps another galaxy.

"I believe they are appearing here for surveillance," Hewes contended.

"There have been too many confirmed reports from reliable sources over the years," Hewes said, "to believe some of the objects are anything but alien in nature."

HEWES is director of Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects, a research, investigation and analysis organization with headquarters in Oklahoma City. He said there are 3,000 members with groups in 42 states and 38 foreign countries.

He said: "We are backed by a scientific panel of known scientists."

He named some of the panel as Maj. C. W. DuBrow, director Civil Defense, Oklahoma City; W. M. Green, astrogeologist, Huntsville, Ala.; D. Johnson, assistant director, Kirkpatrick Planetarium, Oklahoma City, and Prof. N. N. Kohanowski, geologist and mining engineer, North Dakota, among others.

Hewes said his activities with the organization are on a part-time basis. He is regularly employed with the TG&Y variety store chain.

TO BACK his contentions, Hewes said the Air Force has investigated 9,000 UFO reports of which 660 have not been identified as phenomena. He said the Air Force has a special division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, to investigate UFO reports.

Staff Photo by [illegible]

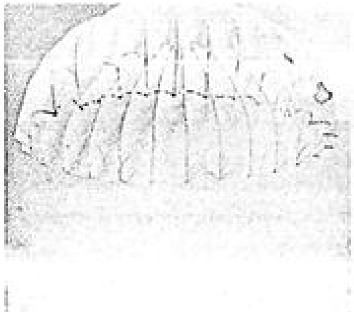
Hayden Hewes

Wichita Beacon
Friday, August
6, 1965.

blue. The object stopped in the NE, between 60-85° angle from us. Could not tell the distance, but would say between 50-150 miles. We observed the UFO for 30 minutes. At about this time (2 a.m.) the Granite unit reported another object traveling in a northerly direction, being red in color and shooting red sparks from it. We went and tried to observe the object, but could not locate it."

Unidentified "blips" on the radar screen at the Wichita Weather Bureau confirmed the presence of unidentified flying objects around Wichita. (photo page 11)

Several attempts were made to photograph the UFO's but almost all failed. One photo was obtained by Junction City, Kansas photographer George Goodson who captured 8 ovals. The objects were not visible when the photo was taken. I was in Topeka, Junction City and Wichita during the weekend of August 6 and 7 and personally investigated the Junction City photo as well as several reports around Topeka and Wichita.



UFOs Photographed

Junction City Photo

Widespread reports of unidentified flying objects over the world including several radar contacts stirred interest at the Daily Union office when staff photographer George Goodson photographed eight UFO's.

The photo was taken at 4:10 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, (August 1st) at the municipal airport. The photo was snapped to show the parachute descent of a member of the Junction City Sky Divers club, but after developmeent of the negative on August 2nd, disclosed eight disks in the sky at the left center. At first they were thought to be either a flaw in the film, or possibly water or developer solution spots on the film. Then it was noticed that the parachute shroud lines crossed over the disks; they would have been obliterated if the negative had been spotted by solution. Goodson took the photo from the ground, facing northwest and said he had not seen nothing in the sky other than the 'chutist and the clouds.

IIOUFO Director Hayden Hewes interviewed Mr. Goodson on Saturday, August 7, 1956 while he was in Junction City.

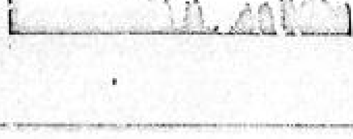
Wichita, Kansas Weather Bureau radarscope showed unidentified flying objects Sunday night (August 1st) See circle blip. Other white dots show locations of earlier sightings as the objects moved across the scope.

Mr. John Shockley, Wichita weatherman, tracked "them" at different times betimes 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. "mostly on the south side of the city." The UFO's were about the size of a Cessna on the screen and were flying at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 ft. The Weather Bureau radar screen covers about all of the state of Kansas.

July 23, 1965

On July 23, 1965 at 3:30 p.m. the following photographs was taken by IIOUFO State Director August Powell while taking scenery pictures of the San Francisco peaks. The dark cylindrical-shaped UFO was moving West to East about 15° above the Southern horizon. Three photographs were obtained but only two came out. The UFO appeared to be ¼ of an inch long at arms length. It was moving slower than jet speed and made no noise.

Note the 45° angle of the two UFO's. It was also described by many persons in Oklahoma.



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UFO Sighting, 7 October 1965

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

We have received a report of an unidentified flying object from Mrs. Martha Tripp of 7245 Hillcraft, Apt #8, Houston, Texas. Mrs. Tripp has requested an evaluation of her sighting. A review of her Form 164 indicates that the sighting could be attributed to jet aircraft operating its afterburner. The flight path and duration are in accord with this evaluation. The description of the white object with the red and white luminous exhaust also conforms with this analysis. Since the officer at Ellington Air Force Base who received her initial report indicated that they had experimental aircraft, it is possible that she observed one of these. A sighting toward the Northwest at dusk often adds to distortion and visual misidentification of normal or conventional objects. There were other reports from the area at about the time Mrs. Tripp observed this object. About fifteen minutes prior to this, several reports evaluated as a meteor were submitted to Ellington. This meteor passed to the West of Houston. However, the duration was much shorter than the 30 seconds reported by Mrs. Tripp and the motion or trajectory was straight and not rising. The description of the object she reported, its motion, and duration are in accord with an aircraft sighting. We have given her report an evaluation of a possible aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDER

TSW
/s/ ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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TDEW/UFO

COORDINATION:

ORIGINATOR H. Quintanilla, Jr. DATE 14 Feb 66
TDEW/UFO Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

TDEW N. H. Perkins DATE 14 Feb 66

7 Oct 65

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
21 December 1965

Mrs Martha Tripp
6226 ~~[illegible]~~ Apt 13 (valerie) moved: 7245 Hillcroft
Apt. #8
Houston, Texas
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs Tripp,

Reference your unidentified observation of 7 October 65. The information which we received was not sufficient for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

7 (Day) OCTOBER (Month) 1965 (Year)

2. Time of day: 5 (Hour) 30 OR 45 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or [✓ P.M.]

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):
- a. Eastern
- [✓ b. Central]
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other ____

(Circle One):
- a. Daylight Saving
- [✓ b. Standard]

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

6226 VALERIE (Nearest Postal Address) HOUSTON (City or Town) TEXAS (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) ____ Hours ____ Minutes 30 Seconds

- a. Certain
- [✓ b. Fairly certain]
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? IN MY MIND(KNOWING ABOUT HOW LONG A MINNUTE IS)

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
- [✓ a. Bright] A LITTLE BEFORE DUSK
- ~~b. Cloudy~~

NIGHT
- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):
- a. In front of you
- b. In back of you
- c. To your right
- [✓ d. To your left] FRONT VERY LOW
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

FORM FTD OCT 62 164 This form supersedes FTD 164, Jul 61, which is obsolete.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight – pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Clear sky]
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Dry]
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Solid] FRONT
- b. Transparent
- [✓ c. Vapor] REAR
- [✓ d. As a light] HIGHLY ILLUMINOUS
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Brighter]
- b. Dimmer
- c. About the same
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object: ELECTRIC LIGHT GLOBE OR SUN(BUT DID NOT HURT EYES)

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- b. Like a bright star
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember
- e. Other LIKE THE EDGES OF A LIGHT - OUTLINED BUT VADING OUT - LIKE EDGES OF SUN.

13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	[✓ Don't know]	EXHAUST-FLAME
e. Change brightness?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
f. Change shape?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know	

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? IT DISAPPEARED - BUT LIKE IT MOVED OUT OF RANGE OF MY EYESIGHT (TRAVELING)

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes [✓ No] Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind:

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes [✓ No] Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of:

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

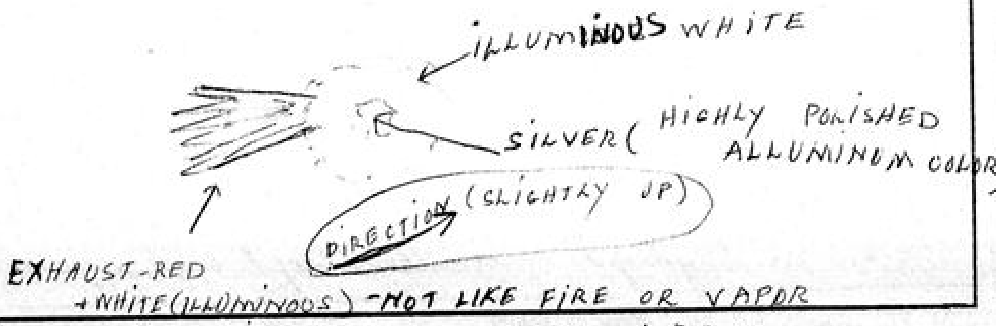
a. Sound NONE (OR TOO FAR AWAY TO BE HEARD)

b. Color FRONT - ILLUMINOUS LIKE LIGHT (WHITE) GLOBE (ALUMINUM IN CENTER
REAR - RED AND ILLUMINOUS (WHITE)

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

VERY LITTLE

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.


ILLUMINOUS WHITE
SILVER (HIGHLY POLISHED ALLUMINUM COLOR)
DIRECTION (SLIGHTLY UP)
EXHAUST - RED + WHITE (ILLUMINOUS) - NOT LIKE FIRE OR VAPOR

THIS WHOLE OBJECT WAS VERY LARGE

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? NOT IN MILEAGE NOT FAST OR SLOW (IF REAL HIGH - VERY FAST) NORMAL MOVING PLANE

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No HARD TO TELL - BECAUSE IT WAS SO LARGE

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? ________________

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
[✓ c. Outdoors]
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other ________________

23. Were you (Circle One)

a. In the business section of a city?
[✓ b. In the residential section of a city?]
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other ________________

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? ________________ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

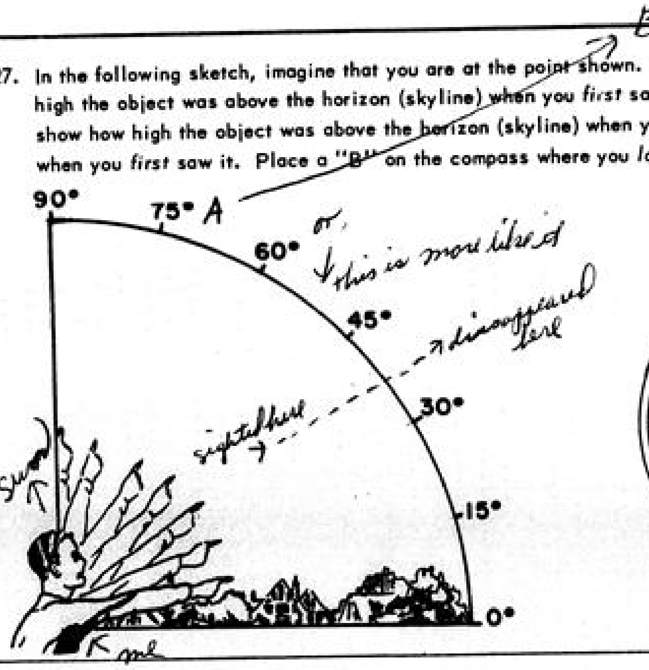
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

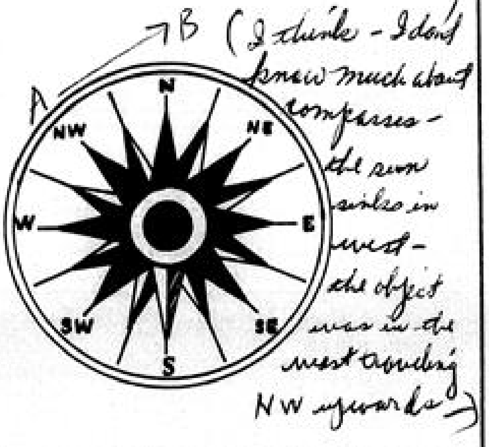
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No ✓	e. Binoculars	Yes	No ✓
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No ✓	f. Telescope	Yes	No ✓
c. Windshield	Yes	No ✓	g. Theodolite	Yes	No ✓
d. Window glass	Yes	No ✓	h. Other ________________		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I have never seen anything like it before. I don't know whether meteors or comets can be seen in daylight or whether they travel upwards or not. or how large they look.

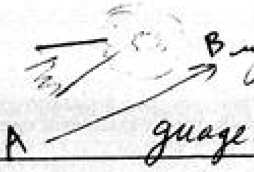
27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





(I think - I don't knew much about compasses - the sun sinks in west - the object was in the west travelling NW upwards)

28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



upwards - very smooth & even - I could not guage speed but disapeared fast - presumed went out of eyesight

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ______________

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

no

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. Kightly - apt 1 6226 Valerie - Houston Tex.
Susette (teen-age girl) same address - different apt.
another woman (don't remember name - same address)
(I have since moved) - sorry - maybe if you write to the manager she can give correct names & addresses.

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME TRIPP (Last Name) MARTHA (First Name) LOUISE (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 7245 HILLCROFT #8 (Street) HOUSTON (City) (Zone) TEXAS (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER PR-4-9938 AGE 39 SEX F

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

I have kept an open mind on "Flying Saucers" even when I first heard about them years ago. Also, I am a very calm person & do not excite easily. I have never jumped to conclusions without the facts. I watched this thing very closely & tried to guess at what it could be - but it was all new to me - so I reported it.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

7th (Day) October (Month) 1965 (Year) Officer at Ellington Field - called Nasa first - around 8:00 or 9:00 in the evening - called radio station KILT next morning - they did not announce on news —

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 7th (Day) January (Month) 1966. (Year)

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

pertaining to question 33 -

Officer at Ellington said it had been seen in other sections of city by about 6 persons (before I called) He said that they said it had cut off exhaust & back on. When I first called he said he was curious also - after he had taken information he said we had experimental aircraft. He did not say if one was up there at that time. I asked about illuminous glow all around & he said it was friction from speed of plane. When conversation ended he was very business-like although he was "curious" himself when I first called.

Also, I do not remember date - I take your word for it as being Oct 7, 1965.

(over)

If, it is at all possible, could you let me know your findings after you check into my report. I am very interested.

Thank you,
Sincerely
Mrs. Martha J. Tripp

P.S. – I feel like I have not been of much help as something like this is hard to put on paper. Also, if it was a plane it was quite different. Since then I have observed jets flying in a direction that I could not see the wings & the sun was shining against it & I can see how some people might jump to conclusions – but this thing that I saw did not even resemble this. And also, the exhaust or vapor trail was nothing like a jet – [illegible] although it looked like a flame it also looked solid (?).

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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OBJECTS SUCH AS
BALLOONS / SATELLITES
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UNCLAS OCBBP 85294 5 AUG 1965. SECTION 1 OF 2.

FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AFCIN); SAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: REPORTING OF UFOS.

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REPORTED UFOS IN TINKER AFB AREA BETWEEN 0208 AND 0733 HOURS, (Z) 2 AUG 1965, IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 14, AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S):

(1) SHAE - NO DEFINITE SHAPE DUE TO DISTANCE.

(2) SIZE - APPROXIMATE SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

(3) COLOR - BLUISH-WHITE WITH RED HAZE.

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(4) NUMBER - 4 OBJECTS.

(5) FORMATION - NONE; APPEARED TO BE AT SAME ALTITUDE.

(6) DISCERINBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NONE EXCEPT FOR COLOR.

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST - NONE.

(8) SOUND - NONE.

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES - NONE EXCEPT FOR COLOR.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS(S):

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED ATTENTION OF OBSERVED TO OBJECT? ANOTHER WITNESS.

ANTARES

(2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT - 45 DEGREES ELEVATION, 190 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE - QUIT LOOKING DUE TO PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT - ALL OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FT. TWO OF OBJECTS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE MOVING; 1 OBJECT WAS MOVING SOUTH AND 1 WAS MOVING NORTH AT SPEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY 150 TO 200 MPH.

(5) HOW DID OBJECT DISAPPEAR? - HAD NOT DISAPPEARED AT

LAST LOOK.

(6) HOW LONG OBJECT VISIBILE - 1 1/2 HOURS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) CONTROL TOWER TO AIR VISIBILITY.

(2) OPTICAL AIDS - BINOCULARS, 7 X 50 POWER, MARK 28, BAUSCH AND LOMB MANUFACTURE.

(3) SIGHTING DID NOT OCCUR WHILE AIR-BORNE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) FIRST OBSERVED 0230 ZULU HOURS, 2 AUG 1965; LAST OBSERVED 0400Z, 2 AUG 1965.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS - NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

LATITUDE 35 DEG, 23 MIN - 00 SEC NORTH; LONGITUDE 97 DEGREES, 22 MIN - 54 SEC WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

(1) CIVILIAN - NOT APPLICABLE.

(2) MILITARY - TSGT JOHN R. LANG, AF13289448, 34 YEARS OF AGE, WATCH SUPERVISOR, TINKER AFB CONTROL TOWER, 3 RD MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS

GROUP.

G. WEATER AND WINDS:

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(1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS - CLEAR WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

(2) REPORT OF NEAREST US WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE:

(A) WEATHER AT TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING, 0230Z, 2 AUG 1965:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	SPEED	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	100 DEGREES	4 KNOTS	PLUS 83 DEG C
6,000 FT.	360 DEGREES	10 KNOTS	PLUS 14 DEG C
10,000 FT.	350 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	PLUS 5 DEG C
16,000 FT.	340 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 4 DEG C
20,000 FT.	340 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 14 DEG C
30,000 FT.	330 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	MINUS 37 DEG C
50,000 FT.	330 DEGREES	30 KNOTS	MINUS 61 DEG C

(B) WEATHER CONDITIONS AT LAST SIGHTING, 0400Z, 2 AUG 1965:

ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	SPEED	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	230 DEGREES	3 KNOTS	PLUS 74 DEG C
6,000 FT.	010 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	PLUS 15 DEG C

10,000 FT.	350 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	PLUS OR MINUS 5 DEG C
16,000 FT.	010 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	MINUS 5 DEG C
20,000 FT.	030 DEGREES	10 KNOTS	MINUS 15 DEG C
30,000 FT.	340 DEGREES	25 KNOTS	MINUS 37 DEG C
50,000 FT.	310 DEGREES	40 KNOTS	MINUS 63 DEG C

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(3) CEILING DURING ENTIRE PERIOD - CLEAR.

(4) VISIBILITY DURING ENTIRE PERIOD - 11 MILES.

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUID COVERAGE - NONE.

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF TIME.

(7) VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT WAS MINUS 2 DEG C PER 1,000 FT., SURFACE TO 40,000 FT; NO CHANGE AFTER THAT DURING THIS TIME.

(8) NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN - INFORMATION FURNISHED TO 746TH AC&W SQ, OKLAHOMA CITY AIR FORCE STATION. THEY ADVISED RADAR CONTACT WITH 1 OBJECT AT 10,000 FT. IN VICINITY OF NORMAN, OKLA. LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 MI.

SOUTH OF TINKER AFB.

J. LOCATION, APPROXIMATE ALTITUDE, AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF FLIGHT OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASED: US WEATHER STATION, WILL ROGERS FIELD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. RELEASED A

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AF IN: 50158 (5 Aug 65) G/jck PG1 OF 3

ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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UNCLAS 85294 5 AUG 1965. FINAL SECTION OF 2.

FOR: WRIGHT-PATTERON AFB (FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV); USAF (AFCIN); SAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: REPORTING OF UFOS.

WEATHER BALLOON AT 0515Z HOURS, 2 AUG 1965. WEATHER BALLOONS WOULD HAVE TRAVELED SOUTH, CHANGING AT DIFFERENT ALTITUDES TO SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST FROM THE POINT OF RELEASE. FAA AND WILL ROGERS FIELD REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN THE AIR DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. TINKER AFB FLIGHT OPERATIONS REPORTED 5 AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD; HOWEVER, NONE OF THE AIRCRAFT REPORTED ANY UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS.

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K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: CHIEF, SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, 2854TH AIR BASE GROUP. COMMENTS: NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS OF THESE 4 OBJECTS WERE REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING CITIES IN OKLAHOMA CITY AREA: NORMAN, PURCELL, CUSHING, CHICKASHA, LINDSAY, CHANDLER, MEEKER, AND SHAWNEE. MOST REPORTED THE OBJECTS AS BEING A LIGHT CHANGING FROM BLUE, WHITE, AND RED COLOR. ONE REPORT FROM SHAWNEE WAS THAT THE OBJECTS WERE FLYING IN A DIAMOND FORMATION. MOST REPORTS WERE THAT THE OBJECTS HAD NO DEFINITE FLIGHT PATTERN AND CHANGED COURSES ERRATICALLY. THE LAST INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THESE OBJECTS WAS AT 0733Z HOURS, 2 AUG 1965, AT WHICH TIME ONE OF THE OBJECTS WAS REPORTED SIGHTED OVER EDMOND, OKLA. AT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FT. ALTITUDE AND APPEARED TO BE THE SIZE OF A BASEBALL HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT STRAIGHT UP. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTINGS AT THIS TIME IS WEATHER BALLOONS AND/OR KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

1. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE - NONE.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH

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1-4 EW(UFO)

UNCLAS PT-OB 00212 AUG 65

REFERENCE OUR CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE PT-OB 00209.

DOWNGRADE TO UNCLASSIFIED. ADD "OBSERVER REQUEST NAME BE WITHHELD" TO ITEM F.

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CONFIDENTIAL PT-OB 00209 AUG 65 SEC I OF II SECTIONS

REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S)

(1) PIE SHAPED

(2) SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A GRAPEFRUIT

(3) ALUMINUM, DULL WITH BRIGHT TOP

(4) 5

(5) NO

(6) NO

(7) NONE

[redacted]

(8) NO SOUND

(9) LOOKED LIKE CHILDS ALUMINUM CANTEEN

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)

(1) OBSERVER WENT OUTSIDE HOUSE TO CHECK WEATHER IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW TO DRESS SHCILD FOR AN APPOINTMENT. AS OBSERVER LOOKED UP AT SKY SHE SAW UFO'S.

(2) APPROXIMENTLY 45 DEGREE ANGLE AND 360 DEGREE AZIMUTH.

(3) FOUR UFO'S DISAPPEARED IN SLIGHT CLIMB ON 360 DEGREE AZIMUTH. THE ONE REMAINING HOVERED FOR APPROXIMENTLY TWO MINUTES AND THEN WENT OUT OF SIGHT AT APPROXIMENTLY 75 DEGREE ANGLE.

(4) FLIGHT PATH WAS SMALL ORBIT IN TRAIL FLIGHT PATH, NO PARTICULAR SPACING

(5) SEE NUMBER 3 ABOVE.

(6) THE 5 UFO'S CIRCLED FOLLOWING EACH OTHER APPROXIMENTLY 3 MINUTES AT WHICH TIME 3 DEPARTED TO THE NORTH. THE OTHER TWO CONTINUED TO CIRCLE AND AFTER ONE MINUTE ANOTHER UFO DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH. THE REMAINING UFO HOVERED THAN DISAPPEARED AT AN APPROXIMENT 75 DEGREE ANGLE.

[redacted]

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND - VISUAL

(2) OBSERVER WEARS GLASSES

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 03/2050Z AUG 65

(2) DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: EASTERN PART OF CITY LIMITS OF ENID, OKLAHOMA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILAIN - MRS. BILL BOUZIDEN; AGE 31; 2821 EAST ELM, ENID, OKLAHOMA; OCCUPATION - HOUSEWIFE; WOULD CLASSIFY AS RELIABLE.

(2) N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR AND 20

(2) SURFACE	160 DEGREE	10 KNOTS
6000'	200 DEGREE	15 KNOTS
10,000'	130 DEGREE	10 KNOTS
16,00'	300 DEGREE	10 KNOTS

20,000'	300 DEGREE	20 KNOTS
30,000'	350 DEGREE	25 KNOTS
50,000'	360 DEGREE	45 KNOTS
82,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

(3) NONE

(4) 25 TO 30

(5) 1/10 AT 5000'

[redacted]

(6) NONE

(7) SFC 35 DEGREE CG PAST 6 HR AV 1 DEGREE C

60M	PLUS 17 DEGREE C
100M	PLUS 5 DEGREE C
160M	MINUS 4 DEGREE C
200M	MINUS 13 DEGREE C
300M	MINUS 36 DEGREE C
500M	MINUS 63 DEGREE C

H. SMALL DUST DEVIL SIGHTED AT APPROXIMENTLY 2100Z NW QUAD 4 MILES FROM VANCE AFB.

I. NONE

J. NUMEROUS FORMATION FLIGHTS IN LOCAL AREA.

K. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER: OBSERVER IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE BY

PREPARING OFFICER; PERSONS INTERVIEWED AS TO CREDITABILITY OF OBSERVER ARE ALSO CONSIDERED RELIABLE IN THEIR JUDGEMENT. THE PREPARING OFFICER BELIEVES THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE EXPLAINATIONS FOR THE UFO SIGHTING: (A) THE OBJECTS COULD HAVE BEEN A FORMATION OF AIRCRAFT CIRCLING AT GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE OBSERVER OR (B) THE SIGHTING MAY BE EXPLAINED AS BRIGHT OBJECTS CAUGHT IN A SMALL WHIRLWIND AND KEPT ALOFT BY HOT GASES (900 DEGREE C) GENERATED BY OIL REFINERY SMOKE STACKS LOCATED IN THE AREA OVER WHICH THE UFO'S WERE REPORTED. AN INTERVIEW WITH THE OIL REFINERY SUPERINTENDENT REVEALED THAT LARGE CHUNCKS OF FOAM ARE OCCASIONALLY BLOWN INTO THE AIR FROM REFINERY COOLING TANKS. ACCORDING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT DEBRIS COULD EMIT FROM A 212' SMOKE STACK IN THE REFINERY COMPLEX. CONTACT WITH PILOTS OF AIRCRAFT ALOFT AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF UFO'S. CONSULTATION WITH VANCE AFB WEATHER FORECASTERS REVEALED NO BALLOONS WERE RELEASED IN THE AREA; FORECASTERS ALSO STATED THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL METEORELOGICAL ACTIVITY ATH THE TIME. CONTACT WITH TWOER OPERATOR AT VANCE AFB REVEALED SIGHTING OF SMALL DUST DEVIL 4 MILES NW OF VANCE AFB AT SIGHTING TIME. SPOKESMAN OF THE AC&W SITE AT TINKER AFB REVEALED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OVER ENID AT THE TIME.

BT

[redacted]

BT

CONFIDENTIAL PT-OB 00209 AUG 65 FINAL SECTION OF II SECTIONS

REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14 AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

RADAR OPERATORS AT VANCE AFB ALSO REPORTED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. THE OBSERVERS COMMENTARY WAS CORROBORATED BY HER 10 YEAR OLD SON WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE FINAL TWO OBJECTS CIRCULING IN THE SKY, AFTER THE FIRST THREE HAD DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH. SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE OBSERVER HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED, SHE CONTACTED THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS TO REVISE HER ESTIMATE OF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECTS UPON OBSERVATION.

[redacted]

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INSTEAD OF "SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A GRAPEFRUIT" SHE SAID THE OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE "ONLY A COUPLE OF INCHES IN SIZE, " OR ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SILVER DOLLAR.

1. NONE

BT [redacted]

AM on July 31, 1965

At 1:05 Wynnewood police officer, Lewis Sikes, 29, reported an unidentified flying object NE of Wynnewood at approximately 30-35°. At the same time simultaneous radar fixes were obtained by Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, and Carswell AFB, Forth Worth, Texas.

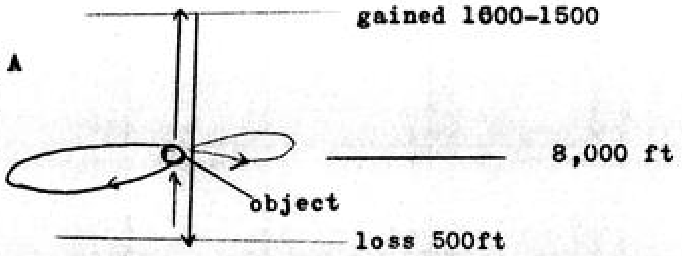
Officer Sikes observed the object with his wife for approximately 10 minutes ~~fm~~ from in front of their home, then officer Sikes drove across town and observed the object for three more minutes. His wife watched the object until almost 2:30AM.

An "intelligent control" was indicated during the first 10 minutes of observation when the object abruptly gained 1000-1500 ft in altitude (estimated by Sikes to be 10,000 ft, confirmed by radar at 8,000ft). The object remained stationary for several minutes and abruptly loss approximately 1500-2,000 ft. The object then moved to the West for approximately 1000-1500ft and returned to the orginial location. At which time the object movied to the East for approximaltely 1000-1500 ft then returned to its orginial position. (Drawing A)

The night sky was clear and many stars were visible. The object appeared to be about three times as bright as the evening star. The UFO was estimated to be 5 or more miles NE of Officer Sikes and appeared as a "light" sourse. The object itself was white with a blue-green center, with a red rotating light circling the center (Drawing B).

At approximately 1:15 officer Sikes drove across town and once again observed the object at approximately L:30. His wife reported that the object (while he was gone) seemed to change colors, and shapes and fade out. Both Tinker AFB and Carswell AFB, tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of tinker when it disappeared. A few minutes later, it was tracked to a location 29 miles south of Tinker when it was lost again. A Braniff airliner in the vicinity of Wynnewood at 5,000 ft was notified but the airline pilot said no visual contact with the object was made. Officer Sikes' mother, Mrs Robert Sikes, also watched the object for a short time. She also reported that the object faded out.

Drawing A
control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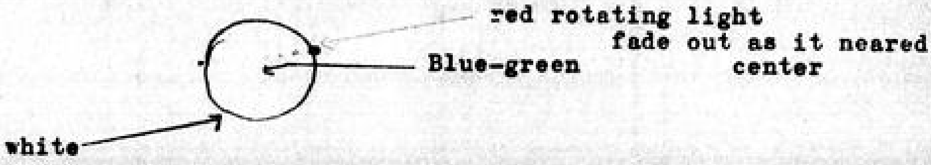
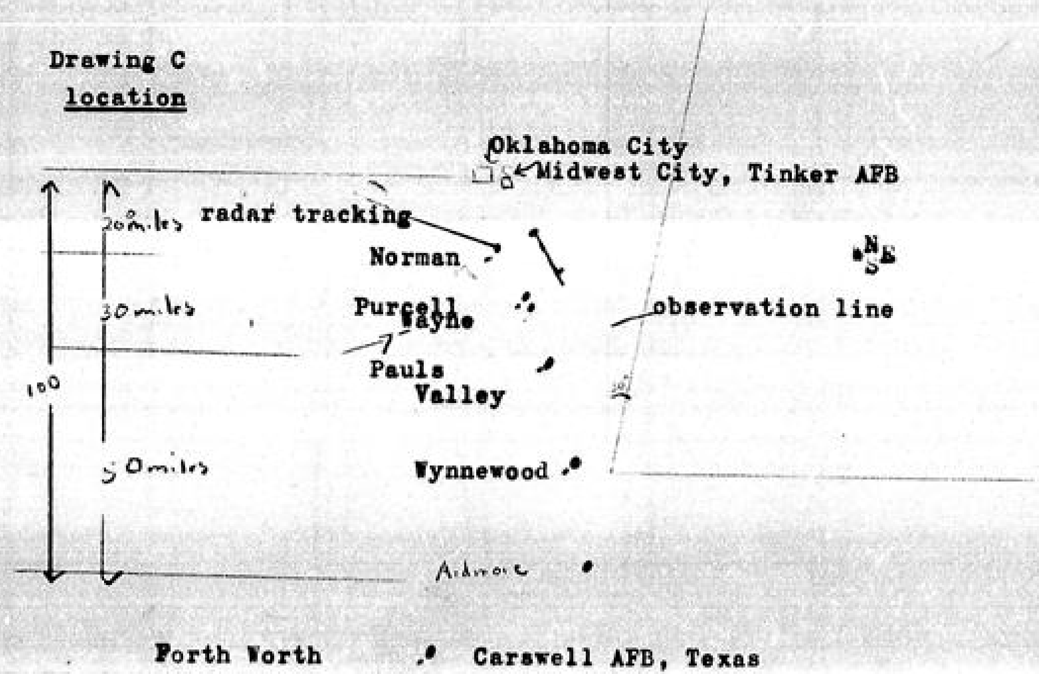
loss 500ft

Drawing B
object


red rotating light
fade out as it neared center
Blue-green
white

Drawing C
location


Oklahoma City
Midwest City, Tinker AFB
radar tracking
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Norman
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30 miles
observation line
Pauls Valley
100
50 miles
Wynnewood
Ardmore
Forth Worth
Carswell AFB, Texas

IIOUFO INVESTIGATES

I first learned of the Wynnewood sighting at 9:05 when Mike Buchanan, of KWTV called and wanted to know what all I knew. Within an hour Karon, DeWayne Critchfield and I were on our way. We arrived at the Wynnewood Police station and talked with the chief of police who showed me the first information he had received from officer Sikes in the form of the notation he had observed a U.F.O. and reported it to Tinker AFB. Prior to takling with the chief of poliwe I had called Mrs Robert Sikes' mother of the officer who stated that they had no comment and that a report had been sent to Tinker. The chief of police suggested that we go over to officer Sikes house and talk with him. He gave us directions. When we arrived a reported from Ada, Oklahoma was talking to Officer Sikes wife outside. I interduced myself and was told that Louis Sikes could not be disturbed. I told then I had the official AF reporting forms and that all my information would be turned over to you. I was permitted to enter the home and talked for about 2 ½ hours. While I was there the telephone rang about 10 times. They had received calls from New York, Conn. and Tulsa. While I was there a reported from the Sunday Oklahoman called, when he was told no information we asked if I had been there and I talked with him. He asked me to call him as soon as I returned to Oklahoma City. They wanted NO publicy at all. Officer Sikes did not want to return to work (works the night shiff six ~~days~~ nights a week) because everone would know where he was. He has been with the force for about a year. Beforing coming to Wyneewood he was a police man in Arozina. They first believed the object to be a aircraft. He has served in the Navy and Army and was showned a UFO film that stated the Navy did not know what the objects were and to report all objects that they might observe. He knew of the Utah and Montana films, but not much about the UFO field in general. At first he would not talk at all. After I told him about the IIOUFO and the recent flap of sighings, my trip to Wright-Patterson AFB, and general information he was most cooperative. I am out of sighting forms so the answers to the 34 questions are as follows.

1. July 31, 1965

2. 1:05 AM

3. Central Time

4. Wynnewood, Oklahoma

5. First observed at 1:05. Last sighted at approximately 2:20.

51. His wife sighted the object continously, he did not.

52. Watch

6. Night- very clear

7.

8. Stars- C
   Moon- crescent

9. Clouds-A
   Weather-Clear night with no clouds

10. D

11. 3 times as bright

11.1. Evening star (3 times as bright)

12. B

13. a yes
    b no
    c.no
    d.no
    e.no
    f.yes
    h yes (his wife said yes, he said no)

14. faded out and reappeared

15. No

16. No

17. Sound-None
    Color- white-red and blue-green

18.

19. See drawing B

20. No

21. estimated to be some 5,00 miles from observer

22. b & c

23 b & c

24 D

24. 2 20-25 mph

24.3 yes for about three minutes

25. all no

26. You should receive the two page typed report (which I read) soon if not all ready.

27. Object was at 30° for point A & B
    Object was at 30-35° for point A & B

28 See drawing-A-

29.

30. No

31. yes- wife, mother observed from house

32. Lewis G. Sikes
Box 192
Wynnewood, Oklahoma
mo
Telephone Wynnewood exchange u~~nknown then number~~ 54738

Age 29, Male, white

33. Object was reported to the Murry County Sheriffs Office who reported it to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

34. Information compleated by the IIOUFO J^{w}ly 31, 1965. Photos of the area were obtained by DyWayne.

We arrived back in Oklahoma City at 5;00 at stopped at the Oklahoma publishing company and talked with Mr. Frank Garner (who I had talked to on the telephone when he called Wynnewood) He stated at Mr. Wayne Mackey , State Editor of the Oklahoman has observed and object at 5;00 on the afternoon of July 30. He conpared them to the 1952 Coast Guard photo. Will find out more about this one later. I was home at 6;05 and called Mike Buchanan KWTV Ch. 9 Oklahoma City and let him know what I new which was already on the streets. At 7;00 Mr. V Domick New Director WKY- (NBC) TV called and wanted a interview for the 10:00 news. He stated that he wanted to get together next week to do a feature story (he said show) about the IIOUFO and the recent sightings. His photographer left about 7:15. At 10:30 a John Otto) something like that called. He was representaing KVOO Tulsa, Oklahoma, and they wanted an interview Sunday at 11:30. About 30 minutes before he called Phill Erdberg called and wanted an interview for Monday at 3:00 with photos. He is an AP writer. I have have seven or so reports of UFO's over Oklahoma in the past two weeks. I will send all the information I have as soon as I get them in order. It appears that this object was also sighted over Oklahoma City on Wednesday July 21, 1965 at Approximately 9:30. Color shaped and manuvers are the same. Receivee this report the 28th.

re investigated Sunday afternoon and located a
Nettie Merle Thme of Wynnewood who
also reported the object. Pauls Valley Police
did not received any reports.

Oklahoma City IIOUFO August 1 & 2

Information received from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol at the OHP tower Oklahoma City:

Since 8:08 pm the OHP tower received in the neighborhood of 25-30 visual sightings many by police and highway patrol troopers of various UFOs from Purcell area North thru the Norman Area to Chandler and back South through Meeker and Shawnee. (all in Okla) Three Shawnee officers and their Capt have four of the objects in sight at this time, also another has a cropped Y up from the South of Tecumseh and is appearently going to fly directly over Shawnee. The sightings vary from one to four objects, starting, stopping, in a reddish color and varying to a white and blue luster. Shawnee reports the object seem to be flying in a diamond type formation. CUSHING Has reported four of the objects, two to the South of Cushing and two to the West flying in a Southerly direction. OHP units 30 and 40 have also made visual sightings. Mrs Bill Tipton 1½ miles West od Davenport on US 66 watched an object which was discribed as reddish on the bottom and white on the top hover for 15 minutes and move off to the West. Tinker AFB 1 to 4 on radar and they advise they are flying very high, approximately 22,000 which seems to coincide with the visual sightings. All very high. TULSA Weather, Visibilty 15 miles. Temp. 76° Wind North _ MPH. UFOs reported at 9:50 over Guthrie going towards Shawnee. HOBERT Sheriff Deptartment report mult-colored object with legs over Altus AFB. Carl Broadfoot, Liberal Kansas reported seeing a UFO 16 miles East of Forgan at 9:20pm headed in a South East Direction. Highway Patrol said the same object was over GUYMON five minutes later. CHICKASKA reported a UFO over radio station KWCO, Jim Cline polive dispatcher, C.V. Barnhill polive patrolman, verified the sighting. MOORE UFO going South on Interstade 35, reported by Tice Wagner 1415 Lakecrest, Norman, Oklahoma at 10:00 pm. Mr Allen Smith 4719 S. 29 West, TULSA reported at LO:25 pm, himself and dad sighted a red & blue object west of Tulsa, traveling in a North to South Direction. The UFO was round with a red light that keep going off and on. Est. 8-10,000 ft. Not on radar Tulsa. Police officer watching two green and red things approx. 2 miles South of Sand Springs.

Mr. Jesse Upchurch of Marshall Oklahoma called and advised that from 9:30-9:36 PM. he his wife and two children observed a reddish ball of fire turn to blue than to white, traveling in a westerly direction pretty high. Traveled paralell to the ground and disappeared out of sight. Appeared as a large house.
LOWTON reported that a former pilot stated he saw one object North of Ft. Sill which was red and blue and silver in color traveling North about 25,000 ft and was not a plane. Ft. Sill could not pick it up on radar. Time Approx: 9:30PM. The residents of the ERICK area report that approx 9:30 PM and elongated object with fire coming from the rear, was very high and traveling fast in a West Direction. The object was brighter than most meteors.
H.C. Neil(newspaper Edmond Oklahoma) and Joe Cobb Edmond police reported at 10:20PM two object West of HARRAH Oklahoma. They were very high and "doing manuvers". The two UFOs were red-white and blue and were jointed by two red and blue objects . OHP Unit 40 advised the object is over his residence 3 miles South of Lindsay at 10,000 feet has red blinking light in the middle green light on one end blue light on other end and a white light is traveling North over 76 at very fast rate of speed. Sub. Roddy Smith, Smart Motel Hardesty UFO 10 miles East and 10 East Sol Bryans Courner. Object came to a complete stop. Exploded then driffed off in flames. OHP time: 22:20 YOKON Oklahoma. Sub. Bobby Stigor reported a UFO North over Oklahoma City A round flashing light was on top and the object seemed to hoover. UFO North from PAUL VALLEY, reported low to the ground 10:35 UFO reported north of STRATFORD Oklahoma. OHP unit 140 sighted UFO 3 miles south of LINSEY Oklahoma red blinking light, the middle was green on on end and blue on the other end. North over highway 76 at a very fast rate of speed. 10:52 Radio Tech. OHP Kenneth Fields, 3920 N.W. 33 OKC reported a red-white and blue UFO going West at approx 20,000 ft. One to the West moving to the East. One UFO to the East moving South. TWO UFOs sighted 11:05 still visible at 11:08 West South West of Norman, Oklahoma, very high going North-North East. UFO changed colors Red-white and blue, was very high and small. MOORE police observing the UFO. Jim Swatic a Journal (Oklahoma City) photographer on Interstate 40 and Sroud Rd observing a UFO overhead. Photo was taken but nothing appeared on the film. Oklahoma Highway Headquarters called at 11:07 have approx 20 of UFO reported to

them. 11;50 UFO South West of Tulsa over Sapulpa Oklahoma. Sub. Ron Gardner, Valley Inn Motel Rm 222. Stationary for 10 minutes. 11:58 UFO directly over EL RENO, Oklahoma. 1200 Midnight. UPI Dallas reported thousands of UFO reports over Oklahoma. 12:01 UFO over El Reno. Sighted by OHP unit 54 over YUKON, North flashing red-white-and blue-green. Also sighted from OHP towel NORMAN. This was the UFO I watched with six officers for a little over an hour. Details later. UFO reported over Northwest Oklahoma City, 28th & May Ave as well as by the water tower at Nickle Hills. El Reno UFO now 300 ft moving East. CUSHING Oklahoma two police officers see two UFOs one is 2 miles NE of Enid and two are North West of Enid.

12:39 two OHP units watching 2 UFOs ver high. PAWNEE 12;40 2 UFOs North of Cushing red-white-and blue. 12:42 ARDMORE redidents reports several UFO over the city. FAA has them on radar. 12:00-12+10 Sub. Willom Matlone 603 Moringside Norman reports two miles East Parte and Lismey roads Norman, Oklahoma. Over head-flasing blue-at top white in the middle. Radio station reported ~~tatik~~ talking with the Pentagon. 1:05 PAWNEE unit 22 reports 1 UFO moving North CUSHING advise two UFOs, one moved NE and one West of Stillwater. 1:13 UFO reported NE of EDMOND it came up fast stopped, hovered and a red roating light. 1:22 UFO over McAlster, 1:24 WEWOKA, 1:26 North od DURANT. Same discription. 1:29, WEWOKA Police reports UFO at 2,000 ft. red-green and blue, moving Eastward. 1:30 Shawnee star like object flashing red-light 1:34 Tinker PIO officer talked with OHP tower. Home phone PE 75158. Stated Air Force investigating. 1:36 Tulia, Texas reportee UFO were observee with telescopes and appeared to be turtle shaped. Was confermed on radar at Conley AFB, Wako Texas. 1:40 North & East of McAlster. Ufo over head. 1:45 UFO North of COALGATE moving up and down and little to the East about 4,000. OHP unit 62 at McAlster stated two UFOs WEWOKA police has two going towrds Arkansas. VINITA Hqts. reports UFO hovering at 5,000 to-1000 above Miami. Will Roger turpike gate attendants reports sighting UFO near Miami. 1;49 I UFO over Sapula circling moving up and down and back to the original stop. 1:50 PERRIN AFB Texas unable to locate UFO visable from Control tower at approx 8,000 ft. UFO reported North of COALGATE, Oklahoma. 2:00 UFO West of EUFAULA at 2000-5000 ft. 2:13 UFO northeast of EDMOND also sighted by Shawnee police. Foue officers report plane chaseinf UFO.

PAWNEE 2:23 Police cars and members of a light plant watching a UFO approx 5 miles Northwest of Pawnee which suddenly took off a a high rate of speed. 2:25 McAlster HQTs report 3 UFOs appear near Eufaula. Also near Stigler. i due East of McAlster. All appear stationary then movied NW at a high rate of speed, out of site. 2:36 UFO NNE of WEWOKA. East elv. 10°-15° and 25°-30° from North, hovering watched with field glasses and not a plane. 2:39 Kansas reports a lot of UFO sightings. 2:58 many UFOs sighted East of Shawnee. 3:14 Sulpa reported to Tinker UFO on the ground. 3:19 FAA man at Will Rogers talking with Washington. 3:35 A lot of persons around the Pole Cat Creek Bridge on US 75 A Between Sapulpa and Keifer said that a UFO landed in the area and it looked like a large light about 50-75 ft across. The Object was ablong. Supula advise photographer and Deputy Sheriff was enrote. Something had landed grass was depresses and something had been walking around.

I them left the OHP tower which is located at Edmond, or 14 miles North of Oklahoma. OHP dispatcher up to 12:00 was a Jim West and Bill Delbert. I went by the OHP District One office and talked with OHP dispatcher Wilber Jones. Them then went to the Oklahoma police station who had called me while I was at the tower and asked if I wanted them to keep a record. I picked up the following information. THERE was more, but this was all I was given.

OKCPolice Records

Sub. Curt Austin 613 NW Lweltgum phone SU 94446 at 10:03 Pm Red-blue-and white, Egg shaped traveling East at 22,000 ft.

Sub. Kenneth Stewart # 10 South Brain ,CE 63352 UFO white & red hovering and round Time 10: 04

Sub. Johnny Stagling ,1400 NE 10, CE 57170 Round UFO disappered to the East, was blue then white. LO:10 pm.

Sub. Herb Ford, 1812 Overbrook Dr. 10:21 p 3300 NE 16, 4 UFO changing position Blue to red.

Sub. Mr. Rlagon 2300 SW, OKCccBc Binkley ME 48479 sighted at 10:28 over Tinker Field & Will Rigers field. White over red at 20,000 ft.

Sub. Betty Cutshall 805 Ashew Pe 73260 round and red in the South part of the city at 10:33 p.

I got hom e for the first time at 5:30 by six the phone was ringing I was on the telephone from 6 -11:30 Monday Night 16 hours straight. Was interviewed by all Oklahoma City Radio stations as well as all TV station. KCBS Los Angeles called three times on e was a

25 minute conferemce called with them, IIOUFO (me) and NICAP Headquarters Washington. Long Island, New York called and took at 25 minute interview for some newspaper. I was up at 6:30 and received calls all day again. Reports and interviews. At 7:00 in the evening Radio and TV station WKY had a Saucer Watch aprty and I was the featured speaker We sighted many Airpoanes but no UFOs. Many of the calls we received reported UFO s that we could identify (since WHY is NW of the city) as airplanes. Over 2,000 persons were there. That was the largest aud. I have talked before. It was over at 10:00 pm. I was home by 1:15 we did have two four inch telescopes. The reports are still coming in. It is now 9:00 Wednesday Moring. The enclosed fragments were received Sunday night from a boy who had received them July 30 from a boy from Texas. A large UFO went over their car and broke up. These fragments hit their car. The boy who gave them to me did hot the know the boy who fould them are just where he found them. We have been unable to locate the boy. There is 2x in my opioion a 99 % chance there is nothing to the story but that 1 % is the resaons I am sending them. We have a lab in Oklahom a City working on it now. (all day yesterday. The fragments are radioactive and highly magnatic.(As you can tell.) It appears they are magnaticite This is the only evidence that has been offered at all. Will send you what the lab hear says. Working on two good leads. If they are true, these are from space.

NEWSPAPER COVERAGE

Oklahoma City Oklahoma Publishing Company 500 North Broadway
Oklahoma City. The Daily Oklahoman (Morning) &
The Oklahoma City Times, (evening)

OCT for July 31, 1965 page 1 Wynnewood sighting
OCT for July 31, 1965 page 1 late home addition mostly same information.
The [illegible] Sunday Oklahoman. Page 1 early addition, page 19 home addition. August 1, 1965
The Daily Oklahoman August 2, 1965 page 1
The Oklahoma Journal August 2, page 1, (published one a day)
OCT August 2, 1965 page 1
OCT August 2, 1965 evening home page 2
Daily Oklahoman Sugust 3, 1965 page 1
Oklahoma Journal August 3, 1965

Oklahoma Journal 7430 SE 15th Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
OCT August 3, page 2 & page 11
OCT August 3, home addotion page 1
Oklahoma Journal August 4, 1965 page 1
The Daily Oklahoma August 4, 1965 page 1

TV Stations

WKY 500 E. Britton Ave. Oklahoma City
KWTV 7401 N. Kely, Oklahoma City
KOCO 3705 NW 63, Oklahoma
KTEN Ada, Oklahoma
KVOO (?) Tulsa
All had film interviews

Radio Stations

WKY 500 E. Britton Ave, Oklahoma City
WNAD University of Oklahoma, Norman
KOTK 1800 W. Main, Oklahoma City
KOMA SW Oklahoma City, (MOORE Oklahoma)
KOCY 101 NE 28th, Oklahoma City
KLPR 600 SE 79, Oklahoma City
KJOO 108 N.W. 9, Oklahoma City.
There are a few more stations in the city but thses were the only one that called me.

AP office 500 North Broadway, Oklahoma City
UPI office 3601 Lincoln, Oklahoma
Oklahoma Highway patrol headquarters and tower and well as the police also received reports.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
SOUTHWEST REGION
P.O. Box 1689
Fort Worth, Texas 76101

October 21, 1965

IN REPLY REFER TO: SW-5

Project Blue Book
Headquarters, FTD (TD-EW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sgt. Moore:

Thank you very much for your assistance concerning the recent UFO activity in Oklahoma. Your explanations certainly helped clarify my understanding of how the Air Force handles the program.

As you will note in the attached letter, I simply advised the NICAP that no FAA radar tracked UFOs on the date and location referred to in their letter.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

K. K. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure

MEMO FOR THE RECORD

On 14 Oct 65, K. K. Jones, Carswell AFB from Ft. Worth, Texas called. He stated that he had gotten a letter from NICAP. He requested information on the Tinker Air Force Base radar returns.

On 15 Oct 65 K. K. Jones from Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas called. He requested additional information on the Tinker Air Force Base radar returns.

FILE DESIGNATION

October 15, 1965

SW-5

Mr. Richard Hall
Acting Director
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
1536 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your recent letter addressed to the Federal Aviation Agency's Public Relations Office in Washington has been referred to this office for reply. Regrettably, your letter was inadvertently placed with other material in my office being held for action in October. For this reason, please accept my apology for this late reply to your letter.

The article enclosed with your letter from the St. Louis POST DISPATCH reported a radar tracking of an unidentified object in the vicinity of Wynnewood, Oklahoma on July 31, 1965, by two military installations. Reports received by this office indicate that no UFOs were tracked by Federal Aviation Agency radar on the date and at the location referred to in your letter.

The news article from the St. Louis POST DISPATCH is returned.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

K. K. Jones
Public Affairs Officer

Enclosure
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August 25, 1965

Federal Aviation Agency
Public Relations Office
New York Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Based on the enclosed clipping detailing UFOs (unidentified flying object) tracked on radar at Tinker Air Force Base and Carwells Air Force Base, can you tell me whether FAA also tracked UFOs on July 31, 1965 in the vicinity of Wynnewood, Oklahoma?

Your help in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Hall
Richard Hall
Acting-Director

RH:h
Encl:1

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1965 JULY 31

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED OVER OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 31 (AP)—A policeman at Wynnewood, in south central Oklahoma, reported sighting an unidentified flying object early today. Lewis Sikes said he saw the object at 1:30 a.m. and that it appeared to emit a red, blue and white light.

He reported the incident to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Tinker Air Force Base at Oklahoma City was advised of the sighting and located the object on radar at about 8000 feet. After checking with other Government installations, Tinker officials said no air traffic was authorized to be in the area.

Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth, Tex., also located the object on radar and both Tinker and Carswell tracked the object to a point 15 miles southwest of Tinker at which time it disappeared from both radar scopes. It was picked up again a few minutes later and tracked to a point 29 miles south of Tinker where it again disappeared. It was not relocated.

August 1 St Louis Post Dispatch

OKLAHOMA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
Division of
INTERPLANETARY INTELLIGENCE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS
I.I.O.U.F.O.
Publishers of "The Interplanetary Intelligence Report"
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 4,1965

In Reply refer to: 0-13337

Major Hector Quintanilla
FTD Box 9494
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

Enjoyed our telephone conversations. Maybe the enclosed information will be of some help. I realize that most of the information is incomplete but Sunday night was nothing but confusion.

I will send you the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Log of what was reported by their units. It is from my notes encluded. The news papers give most of the information but not all. For additional information I have encluded the names and address of the different news medias in the Oklahoma City area that also were interested.

I am beginning to receive mail from of our members giving dates and observations. St. Petersburg July 27 & 28 the same objects sighted by many.

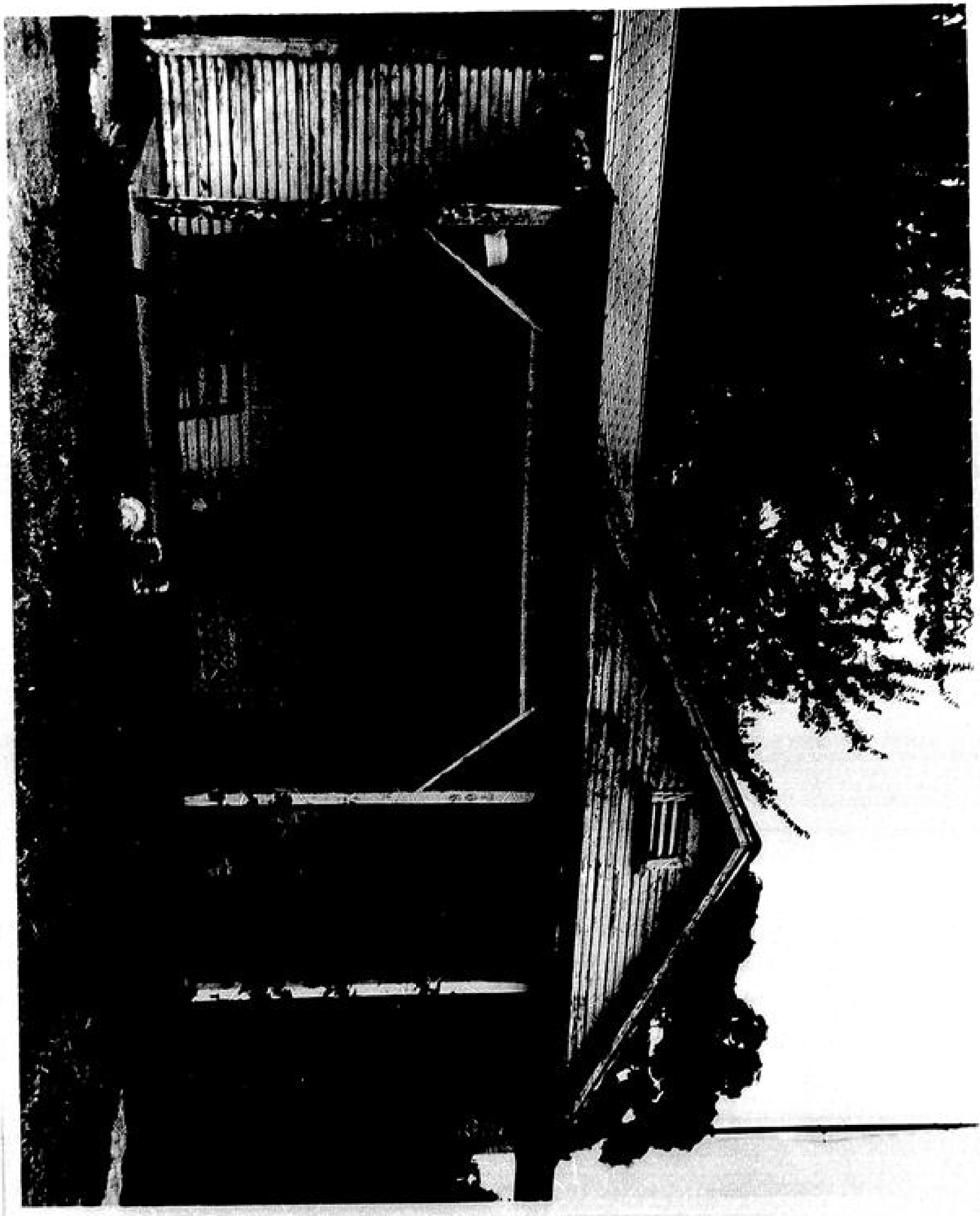
We investigated a report of fragments that came from a UFO over Texas. One enclosed. The Oklahoma Civil Defense (Director a friend) made the tests. It was radioactive but due to the [illegible] soil around it. Will send you the spectrographic analysis. Taped interview with NBC radio news New York. Should be aired this week end.

Will keep you posted. Please let me know any thing you can as soon as possible. I need if possible 100 sightings forms. (for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and police observations. NOT the fun sighters.)

It is my opinion that many of the sightings in our area are stars and planes but NOT all of them. There maybe 25-50 good fact sightings. The others are all in my opinion sensation seekers.

Very truly yours,

Hayden C. Hewes
Director, IIOUFO
International Headquarters



The Oklahoma Journal

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73110 — Tuesday, August 3, 1965

Man Says He Saw 'Flying Saucer'

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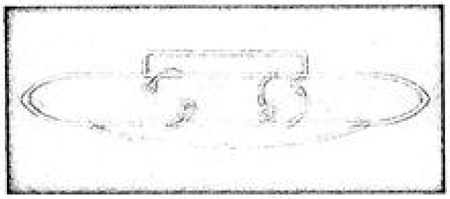

This Is What Observer Saw

Shown above is refined drawing of "flying saucer" made from rough sketch drawn Sunday night by trained observer at Norman. The observer, an air force weather expert, said he saw the object through a 60-power spotting scope near Norman. (Copyright 1965 By The Oklahoma Journal Publishing Co.)

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Air Force Doesn't Believe in Flying Saucers

Studying plastic "universe" he uses to identify UFOs is air force officer Maj. Hector Quintanilla. (AP Wirephoto)

U.F.O. article

THE RALEIGH TIMES, Wednesday, August 4, 1965 21

Midwesterners Tell Of Mystery Objects

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—Thousands of persons across the nation's Midlands and and Southwest again Tuesday night reported seeing mysterious flashing, winking and sparking phenomena that sped and sometimes zig-zagged across the skies.

The Air Force contends most of the sightings were probably just stars or planets.

Najeeb E. Halaby, former director of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) said the rash of reports may signal a new "American mythology."

"Reports of such objects seem to reach their peak in August and September. It may be that the long, hot summer expedites the imagination," he said in Los Angeles.

Most of the objects people saw were described as red or yellowish and speeding across the sky from southwest to northeast at very high altitudes.

It was the fourth consecutive day of UFO sightings, which have narried some police departments so much they have referred all inquiries to Air Force bases.

A lot of people took issue with the Air Force's claim they were stars or planets.

A 23-year-old Sioux City, Iowa high school English teacher said he saw a flashing object and that "anyone who would say this is a star would be out of their minds."

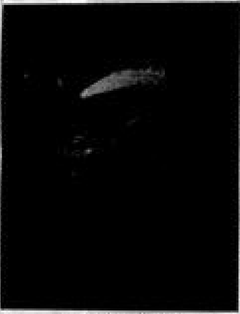
The teacher, who would not give his name, said he spotted the phenomenon when he and his wife drove out in their car to look for flying saucers.

Something zipped overhead that was bright, yellowish and zigzagged slightly. It was replaced, he said, with a red light surrounded by three white lights. The red light was the brightest, he said.

He said he got out of the car and turned off the ignition to try to hear an airplane engine.

Top O' The Mornin'

The Oklahoma Journal



Rare Saucer Photograph

First Night Color Shot Of Flying Saucer Bared

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ROBERT WELCH

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Watch For Journal Series On Saucers

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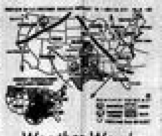

Weather Word

CSA Due To Keep U.S. Ahead

Tinker Gets New Deputy Commander

while visiting in Long Beach, Calif. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Kernke Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Abbey was born in Arlington, Wis., and lived in Nebraska until her husband retired from the Union Pacific Railroad in 1947. She has lived in Oklahoma City since then. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Albert McBride, Midwest City; Mrs. E. O. Agner, Long Beach, and Mrs. Erma Love, Dallas, Texas; two sons, George, 3418 NW 12, and Maj. Robert L., Roswell, N. M., and a sister, Mrs. Minnie [illegible], McCook, Neb.

RUFUS BOLIVER CAPSHAW

Rufus Boliver Capshaw, 77, of 2733 NW 15, died Monday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Capitol Hill Funeral Home with burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Capshaw was born in Jack County, Tex., and came to Oklahoma in the Run of 1889. His parents claimed a homestead in the vicinity of 22nd and S. Western when he was a year old.

Capshaw lived in Oklahoma City 76 years and worked until his retirement at the Oklahoma City Fire Department. He was a member of the Capitol Hill Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl, of the home; a son, Everett, Ardmore; three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Small, Mrs. Florence Jack and Mrs. Annabelle Bishop, all of Oklahoma City; a brother, Howard, Oklahoma City, and three grandsons.

MRS. MATTIE SCRUGGS

Mrs. Mattie Lee Scruggs, 80, of Norman, died Sunday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Primrose Funeral Home with burial in the IOOF Cemetery.

Mrs. Scruggs was born in Paris, Texas, and came to Norman in 1924. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Weaver, Haddonfield, N. J.; Mrs. Frances Tullius, Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Ozella Scruggs, Muskogee; a son, George Weldon, Norman, and a sister, Mrs. Annie Scott, Commerce, Texas.

MRS. NELLIE B. KIKER

Mrs. Nellie B. Kiker, 74, of 3020 NW 29, died Sunday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brookline Baptist Church. Burial will be at 2 p.m. in Hydro under the direction of Watts Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kiker was born on a farm northwest of Britton in 1890. She moved to Britton in 1913 and came to Oklahoma City in 1937. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include her husband, J. B., of the home; a son, Floyd, Bryan, Texas; a sister, Gladys Thompson, Edmond, and a brother, Eugene Brown, 1001 NW 80.

moved to Maysville in 1905. He later lived 40 years in Lindsay where he owned a restaurant. He came to Oklahoma City 23 years ago and worked nine years in the maintenance department at the county court house.

Hale was a veteran of World War I and past commander of the Lindsay American Legion Post. He was a member of Oklahoma City American Legion Post 35 and the Pennsylvania Avenue Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ola, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Fern Moore, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Sharon Dixon, Eldorado, Kan.; a sister, Mrs. Jess Harrell, Sallisaw, and a brother, L. J., Oklahoma City.

MORGAN UNDERWOOD II

Morgan Neil Underwood II, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Underwood, of Nicoma Park, died Monday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Nicoma Park Assembly of God Church with burial in Arlington Cemetery directed by Baggerley Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Audra Sartin, Madill, and maternal grandfather, Smith Sartin, Madill.

WALTER B. PREMO

Services for Walter B. Premo, 53, of Jones, will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Rose Chapel with burial in Arlington Memorial Cemetery directed by Paylor's Midwest City Funeral Home. He died Sunday.

ROBERT LEE MUNSON

Services for Robert Lee Munson, 67, of 331 SE 12, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hunter Funeral Home with burial in Sunny Lane Cemetery. He died Sunday.

Munson was born in Illinois and have lived in Oklahoma City about 40 years. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Etta, of the home; a sister, Mrs. Edna Cox, Phoenix, Ariz., and a brother, James, Phoenix.

HENRY ALLEN REED

Henry Allen Reed, 71, of Moore, died Sunday. Wake will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Crenshaw Funeral Home with requiem mass at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Moore. Burial will be in Moore cemetery. Reed was born in Evansville, Ind., and moved to Moore six years ago from Clarksville, Ark. He was a retired coal miner and nightwatchman.

Survivors include his wife, Eugina; six daughters, Mrs. Frankie Burger, Cromwell; Miss Mary Belle Reed, Houston, Tex.; Mrs. Bonnie Chestnut, Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Rosie Silver, Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Jeannie Austin, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Bernadine Bevan, Durant, and five sons, George, Orange, Calif.; John, Boise, Idaho; Oscar, San Pablo, Calif.; Wallace, Newark, Calif., and James, Moore.

Eagle Grove, Iowa, and seven sons, Everett M., St. McCloud, Fla.; J. D., St. Marie, Calif.; Valiste, Buena Park, Calif.; Valton, West Covina, Calif.; Archie, El Monte, Calif.; Bobby Dan, of the home, and Wayne, Hawaii.

MRS. SARAH WRIGHT

Services for Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Wright, 91, of Weatherford, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Federated Church of Weatherford with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. She died Friday.

Mrs. Wright was born in Martinsville, Ill., and moved to Weatherford in 1900. She and Wright were in the grocery and produce business. She was a member of the Federated Church of Weatherford.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Edna Anderson, Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Goldie Ryan, Phoenix, Ariz.; seven sons, Harry L., Weatherford; Roy, Elsinore, Calif.; Chester, Clinton; Willie, Phoenix; Joe, Oklahoma City; Walter, Fort Collins, Colo., and Percy, Cheraw, Colo.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Plenner, Elk City, and a brother, William Hasen, Mount Vernon, Mo.

MRS. MINNIE KIRSCH

Services for Mrs. Minnie B. Kirsch, 1136 SE 25, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Guardian Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park Cemetery. She died Saturday.

Survivors include her husband, John J., of the home, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Schlegel, Pennsburg, Pa.

Tuesday. Partly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday. A little warmer Wednesday. Low Tuesday night [illegible]. High Tuesday [illegible].

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Hourly temperatures recorded at Will Rogers for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m.:

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Sunrise Tuesday at [illegible] a.m.; sunset Tuesday at [illegible] p.m.

Civil Twilight begins Tuesday at [illegible] a.m.; ends [illegible] p.m.

Moon [illegible] Tuesday.

High temperature [illegible]

[illegible]

Precipitation for the past 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. [illegible]

Total [illegible]

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STATE TERMINALS

High and low temperatures and 24 hour rainfall amounts for period ending at 6 p.m. today:

[illegible]

FOREIGN TERMINALS

Foreign temperature and weather [illegible]

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U.S. Ready To Discuss Refugees

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States has offered through the Swiss embassy in Havana to begin immediate discussions with Cuba on bringing Cuban refugees to this country, the State Department said Monday.

The department said the message to the Swiss embassy was sent Sunday afternoon shortly after President Johnson said the United States was ready to accept any refugees Premier Fidel Castro will permit to leave.

McClellan Says Tougher Controls Needed On Banks

CHICAGO (UPI)—Sen. John McClellan, D-Ark., said Monday more laws are needed for better administration of the nation's banks.

McClellan, chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, said greater efficiency and higher quality of supervision of the banks could be attained by voluntary and cooperative efforts by federal agency heads.

McClellan spoke at the 91st annual convention of the ABA.

is an opportunity to establish a new era of air mobility throughout the free world."

The giant airfreighter will weigh about 700,000 pounds. It will have an intercontinental range and is designed to cruise at a speed of more than 500 m.p.h. The C5A will be powered by four fanjet engines—twice as much power as on current military transports or commercial jet liners.

Haughton said nearly 2,000 persons have been focusing their efforts on the C5A design during the past two years. He added that since 1953, the corporation's 20,000-man work force has been designing and building large jet-powered transports for the air force.

The C5A will introduce a number of advances in aviation's state-of-the-art, and will be produced under the direction of the aeronautical systems division of the Military Air Transport Service at Marietta, Ga.—the same plant which developed the C130 Hercules and C141 Starlifter.

W. A. Pulver, president of the Georgia division of Lockheed, predicted, "The broad production program embodied in this gigantic aircraft's development will be spread throughout the country, since more than 60 per cent of its weight will be subcontracted."

He added that Thomas R. May, vice-president and former director of the C130 program, and F. A. Cleveland, who headed the C141 engineering, will lead the Lockheed management team during development and production of the C5A.

top 10 higher positions in reserve officer training programs.

"My first detachment commissioned only 10 cadets back in 1960," Stevenson said. "Last spring, we graduated 45 young officers."

"In the past six years, Col. Stevenson has helped more than 200 university cadets receive commissions in the Air Force."

Stevenson graduated from OU in 1940, where he was an outstanding guard on the 1938-39 "All Big Six" teams. He was named on several All-America squads. After a single season with the old Cleveland Rams (now the Los Angeles

Rams), he served on the U.S. Olympic Committee and AAU Board of Governors, as well as numerous subcommittees.

He is the holder of the Bronze Star, resulting from his work with the prisoner of war recovery program in the China-Burma area during World War II. Other decorations include various foreign awards from the Chinese and Korean governments.

Col. Stevenson was active in numerous campus and civic functions while at OU. He is a member of the Norman Lions Club and devotes much of his time to their programs. He has participated in several OU-Alumni football games.

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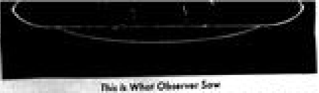

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jects. The investigation is continuing."

The weather observer, who refuses to buy the Washington explanation, pointed out that the Air Force goes to great lengths to train its weathermen. Most are experts in meteorology. Each man receives training to enable him to distinguish heights, distances, shapes and degrees of pitch.

"We're going out again tonight with a radio, telescope and 10 by 50 and 7 by 50 sets of binoculars. We're going to be better prepared this time. I just hope the saucer comes back."

Probe

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re-scheduled for this spring after Harrod left office.

When Harris took office, he said he had little time and an insufficient investigative staff to research the evidence left by Harrod and ready it in time for the grand jury which indicted O. A. Cargill, and former supreme court Justices N. B. Johnson and [illegible] for bribery.

The county attorney said his office had devoted what time was possible outside of preparing felony cases for trial to looking into the charges, but said not much time had been available to his staff.

Woosley had filed suit against the company after a front-page story in the Daily Oklahoman on Sept. 14 allegedly distorted facts about Woosley's past life and contained a police mug shot made 27 years ago.

Liquor Count Filed On Man

EL RENO—Like a page from prohibition history, Jack Orr, 66, 9400 NE 23, Monday was charged with bootlegging whisky.

Vice detective Louis Swindle said he went to Orr's home and purchased a pint of bourbon for $4.50, then arrested the man after the sale was completed.

Canadian County Attorney John C. Whelan Jr. filed charges of sale of alcoholic beverages without a license.

ing the girl to commit sodomy. The brothers are free on $20,000 bonds each.

During a habeas corpus hearing to reduce the bond on the sodomy count, the youths' father said their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perryman, mortgaged property to post bonds on rape charges.

The Perrymans, described as "stalwart" members of the Del City congregation, escorted the twins to church and were with them Sunday night. The elders didn't know if the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Manley, were present.

"I don't think it was a move on the boy's part to get publicity," an elder said. "It takes a lot of courage to

Perjury Charged In Divorce Case

Assistant County Attorney James R. McKinney filed a perjury charge Monday against a 21-year-old employe of a Colorado home developing company, for allegedly false testimony May 3 in a divorce hearing.

Jack Robert Seward, Colorado Springs, allegedly told District Judge W. R. Wallace Jr. he had no children when his case came for trial. McKinney said the wife said she was not present for the hearing because she did not know her husband had filed for divorce.

heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful."

When the twins stood before the minister, they were asked: "Do you believe Jesus is Christ, the son of God?"

"Yes," they both answered.

"I baptize you into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit for the remission of your sin," Skaria said as he lowered each youth totally into the water.

Stewart said the Church of Christ has four criteria for conversion: Faith (Hebrews 11:6), Repent of Sin (Luke 13:3), Confess Christ (Romans 10:9 & 10) and Baptism for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

The Englishman from Dublin, South Africa, described by the elders as "wonderful with youth," visited the pair in county jail July 15, along with Stewart. Skaria has known the boys for two years while they attended the 600-member church "rather irregularly."

"They haven't missed a Sunday since they were charged," an elder said, "except one when they were in jail.

"They sat between their grandparents the first Sunday but since have acted like any other young person attending.

"We've known the boys for years," an elder said, "and they've never done anything irregular at church."

"But," another said, "they will still have to pay for any crimes they've committed."

five, $4,726,000; district six, $3,168,000; district seven, $2,648,000, and district eight, $3,128,000.

Three Oklahoma County projects, one Interstate and two non-Interstate, are included in the 1967 program.

They are: six miles of surfacing on I. H. 40 from two miles west of Council Rd. to the West Bypass, total cost, $3.1 million; 1.5 miles of reconstruction on S. H. 74 from SW 44 to SW 89, total cost, $62,500; grading, drainage and bridges on West Bypass from NW 39 to NW 63, total cost, $825,500.

Earlier Monday, the commission gave final approval to the September bid letting. The letting totals $6.8 million, with almost half of the work in Tulsa County.

The commission awarded projects totaling about $4 million to low bidders on the July letting. Commissioners gave tentative approval to $2.14 million on projects in October.

The commission approved the hiring of the Oklahoma City engineering consultant firm of Lowrie and Ralph to do preliminary engineering work on the remaining portion of the of the Broadway extension between Britton and Memorial Roads.

side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of the year."

Risner said he wasn't trying to put the Pentagon on the spot, and believed that someone merely had read the wrong side of a star chart.

He mentioned a number of meteors as accounting for some of the reports, and perhaps mass hysteria touched off some of the others. "But that still leaves a number of observations still unexplained."

PRINCE APPEARS

NORRKOEPING, Sweden (UPI) — Crown Prince Carl Gustaf of Sweden, 20-year-old heir to the Swedish throne, Sunday made his first official appearance as representative of King Adolf, VI, his grandfather.

important to me," said Risner.

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Mystery Objects There All Along?

Look at the sky long enough and you'll see — or imagine you see — all sorts of things, particularly if you're not accustomed to sky-watching.

That's why so many people are seeing unidentified flying objects, explains Dale Johnson, director of the Kirkpatrick Planetarium.

He says the natural phenomenon which cause such illusions are present all the time, but usually go unnoticed.

"Normally," he says, "people don't pay much attention to the sky. But, when you have a lot of people gazing skyward, they'll see things they never paid any attention to before."

Johnson believes that in a great majority of cases, the unidentified objects people notice are simply bright stars that they hadn't noticed before.

Aslo, certain atmospheric conditions, such as "scintillation," make distant objects appear to move around or change color.

This is also the time of year, explains Johnson, when there are an unusually large number of meteor showers.

"The next strong meteor shower will be August 10 and it will be interesting to see if we get a large number of UFO reports at that time."

Johnson believes many of the UFOs may be such planets as Mars, Venus, Saturn, Antares or Vega. All appear much brighter than other stars this time of year.

Another bright planet, Jupiter, is not visible this time of year.

"I'm not saying people are not seeing what they report," Johnson points out. "I believe they are simply seeing a phenomenon they haven't noticed before, one which creates some kind of optical illusion."

Since the current rash of UFO sightings started, Johnson has observed the skies several nights hoping to spot some unusual object.

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identification from officials at Perrin Air Force Base, Denison, Texas. They said it is likely a piece launched with large-size weather balloons. They withheld positive identification until they see the oeject.

Meade found the "thing" in his pasture Monday. He said it definitely was not there Sunday.

Unidentified flying objects were sighted in the Bryan County area Sunday night — glowing red and skimming just above tree-top level, according to witnesses.

"Maybe Mars has an ALCOA plant there, too," one wiseacre commented.

The fleet of objects over Brazil was first seen by two little girls. They saw four moving over the horizon in daylight at Astorga, about 250 miles west of Sao Paulo. They called three neighbors, who reported seeing 14 other saucers in formation. They were described as silvery with a greenish light shining from the top.

John Stark, 932 NW 6, Moore, reported he watched some object with a reddish light on top and a white light on the bottom hover at what he estimated as 2,000 feet above Will Rogers World Airport around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"I couldn't see the shape of it," he said, "but I could see it had two distinct sources of light. It kinda shakes you up; it's no laughing matter."

Stark said he called his wife over when he had the object lined up between two houses. It hovered there, he said, as lights from a plane passed at the same level, then took off and disappeared.

Stark said the lights on the object were "six or eight times brighter than a star." Stark, a pre-dental student at Central State College, Edmond, is a sports writer for The Daily Oklahoman.

Like the unidentified flying objects, the Oklahoma City police switchboard glowed brightly with numerous reported sightings, mostly from the west side of town.

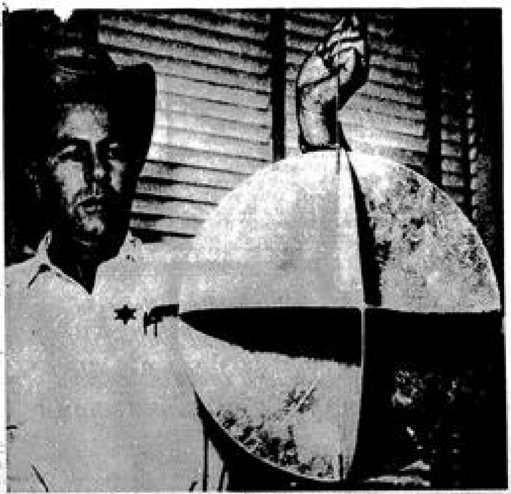
One youth reported seeing an object rise either from Lake Hefner or its shoreline. Another reported seeing two round objects circling about a mile from his home at 1044 SW 48. He said the objects flashed red lights and headed south at a high rate of speed.

Joe Sprinkle, 11, said, he, his parents and sister watched a bright orange object that "looked like a ball of fire" appear on the edge of the city. He said the UFO first headed south, then it appeared to reverse as it "just zoomed by."

Another resident saw a bright blue object "with a tail" about halfway up in the sky from his home at NW Hill and Shartel. He said he watched it for about two minutes at about 8:30 p.m.

W. R. Bill Clark, 9609 N Western, said he and his wife watched three separate UFO's at about 8:30 p.m. He said one headed northeast to southwest on the east side of the city, and a short time later one headed in the opposite direction on the west side. A third, he said, moved straight west.

He said all three appeared to be red and traveled at a terrific rate of speed, taking only a minute or two to traverse the sky from horizon to horizon.



UFO or USAF is the question about this welded aluminum disc held suspiciously by Durant Deputy Sheriff Loyd Nabors.

Now It's Saucers By the Squadron

By the State Staff

Sightings of unidentified flying objects continued Tuesday for the fourth straight night in Oklahoma, but the day's most spectacular sightings were reported in South America.

Observers in Curitiba, Brazil, reported seeing a squadron of 18 flying saucers flying over northern Brazil's Parana state.

From Santiago, Chile, came a report of a flying saucer which landed but took off again when a group of people moved toward it.

The highway patrol reported Tuesday night unidentified objects were seen in the skies over Erick, Lawton and in the Turley area near Tulsa.

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Several reports were received of sightings in the Oklahoma City area.

A many-surfaced aluminum disc, found Monday night on the D. W. Meade farm 3½ miles southeast of New Alleson in southern Bryan County, was an item of some mystery Tuesday in Durant.

Meade turned the welded disc over to Loyd Nabors, deputy sheriff, who was stymied: "I have absolutely no idea what it is or where it came from," he said.

A verbal description of the object, and the "ALCLAD 2024" imprinted on the side of it brought tentative

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Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star?—Now We Wonder

By Jim Jackson and Ivy Coffey
Of the State Staff

Stars, meteors and unusual atmospheric conditions were the official air force explanation Monday of a rash of sightings of unidentified flying objects Sunday night throughout most of Oklahoma and into neighboring states.

Meanwhile, sightings of unexplained objects in the sky were continuing.

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The objects, sometimes described as glowing lights, were spotted in Norman, Blanchard, Woodward, Tishomingo, Durant, Hobart, Oklahoma City and other parts of the state and in Texas, Kansas and New Mexico.

The lights were reported over a period of several hours and the objects varied in size, shape and color.

In Cushing, J. C. Knoch, used furniture dealer, and his son, Ricky, 11, saw what they described as a large circular object flying over northeast Cushing at 12:50 p.m. Monday in full daylight.

Knoch, in the process of building a new furniture store, was looking out the window of the old store when he spotted the object. He described it as having black stripes or black windows and silver on the bottom side. It almost hurt his eyes to look at it, he said.

Four boys in Oklahoma City reported seeing approximately the same type of thing at 3:30 p.m. Monday on SE 44. They said they spotted a silver triangular object, striped and glowing, headed east across the sky and disappearing into the clouds.

The air force, in its announcement from Washington, said initial study of the flood of sighting reports indicated the sightings were "astronomical in nature."

"The objects observed may have been the planet Jupiter or stars Rigel Capella, Betelguese or Aldebaran which were visible," the air force statement continued. "At the time of the reported sightings, the azimuth and elevation of the reported sightings supports this preliminary conclusion."

The air force denied an unconfirmed report that the objects had been tracked by radar and denied that any planes were scrambled in an attempt to intercept or identify the UFO's.

The air force statement also pointed out that temperature, distribution and variant wind speeds both Sunday and Monday over the great plains from northern Texas to Wyoming were favorable to "scintillation."

The term was described as a natural phe-

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nomenon which causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when seen through layers of the atmosphere.

Another possibility, the air force said, is that observers were seeing the Aquaiad, commonly called the Delta meteor shower, which is occurring this year from July 26 to August 6. The meteor shower appears from the southeast in long streaks, trailing sparks.

Though the air force thinks the objects are stars, the investigation is continuing, they said.

Prof. H. S. Mendenhall, OSU mathematics professor and astronomer, favors the scintillation theory and recalled that air force pilots in World War II reported being chased [illegible] even firing at what they thought were enemy planes but which turned out to be the planet Venus.

He said such illusions probably ar[illegible]sed by an unstable atmosphere, which spreads out the light into a spectrum of its basic colors, acting like a prism.

He said the prism effect could account for Sunday night reports of blue, green and red lights reported in the skies.

He speculated the sightings were meteorites, clouds, balloons, "or anything but interplanetary ships or travelers from outer space."

Dr. Walter Saucier, meteorology professor and director of OU's atmospheric research laboratory, declined to speculate. "I have no idea what those things are," he said, "and I'm not going to stick my neck out and guess. I'll just sound stupid."

Dr. Tom J. Love jr., director of the school of mechanical engineering and aerospace studies at OU said he is certain some of the objects seen were aircraft and other optical illusions.

Police departments over the state were swamped with telephone calls from persons reporting strange objects in the sky.

Bethany police officer Jim McGill Monday evening spotted two "saucers" while in his car at NW 42 and Rockwell. He said they were apparently the same as two objects reported earlier to Warr Acres police by a boy and his mother at NW 36 and Hammond. The object changed colors, red, white and green.

Warr Acres policeman Larry Watson said he watched an unidentified object sighted near El Reno late Sunday night until 5 a.m. Monday.

Five boys reported to Oklahoma City that at dusk they saw a round, shiny object without wings close to the ground in the 600 block on NW 63.

Two Oklahoma City boys, Robert Colbert, 11 and Charles Delhotal, at the Delhotal home, 512 NW 41, saw a red light blinking on and off. They said the object was a big "oval-like" thing flying to the north and then it stopped and reversed.

Hobart Police Chief Doss Kutch said there was no question of an UFO southwest of Hobart. He checked after receiving a report Kutch said he and his wife saw the bright object.

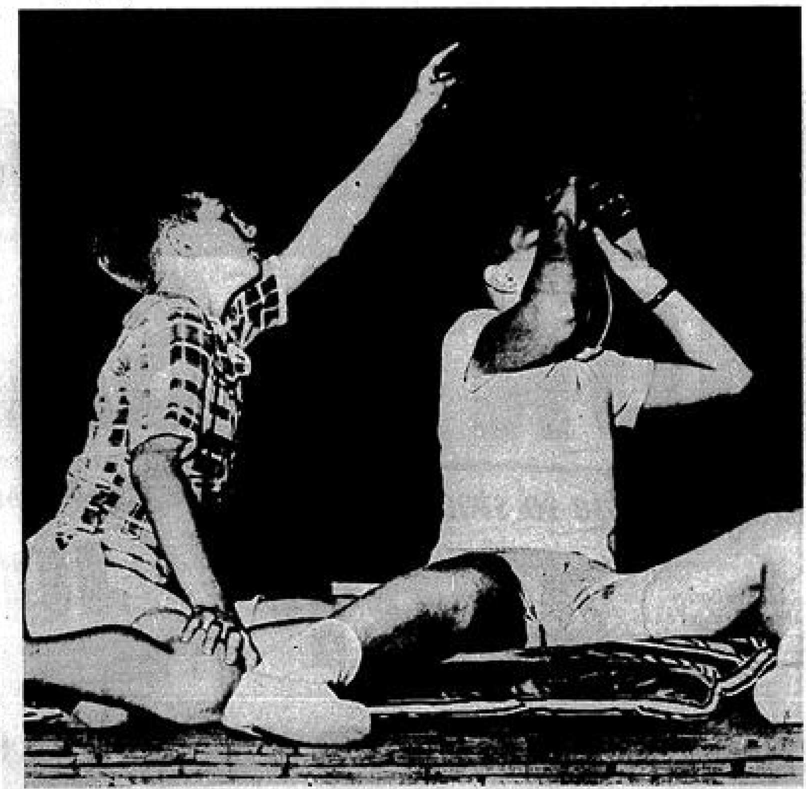
Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper Obert Bennett reported sighting a green object north of Tishomingo traveling "high up." He said a jet plane seemed close to the object.

Several Woodward citizens reported seeing a solid red globe flying over Woodward at 10:30 p.m.

The Norman police department said a Cleveland County resident, Charles Boyd, reported from "the scene of an UFO" and that his report was confirmed by four persons at the scene. The group viewed through a tripod-mounted power telescope a white globe, 30 to 40 feet in diameter, 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman. They said the object appeared to move forward, backward and then up and down.

A Cicero, Ill., visitor, Ron Buscemi, at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taylor, at Blanchard saw a strange object for the second time Monday.

Three radio club members out "spotting" reported to the Norman police department Monday night they had sighted an unidentified object northwest of Norman's Max Westheimer Field.



GARAGE-TOP ROOST is a keen vantage point for tracking unidentified flying objects, these young star gazers decided Monday night. Twelve-year-old Asa Mayes jr., left, 4100 NW 21 Terr., and Randy Stansel, 14, of 4120 NW 21 Terr., like hundreds of other city residents, spent the evening scanning the skies for those mystery flying objects. Story on Page 1. (Staff Photo by Bob Heaton)

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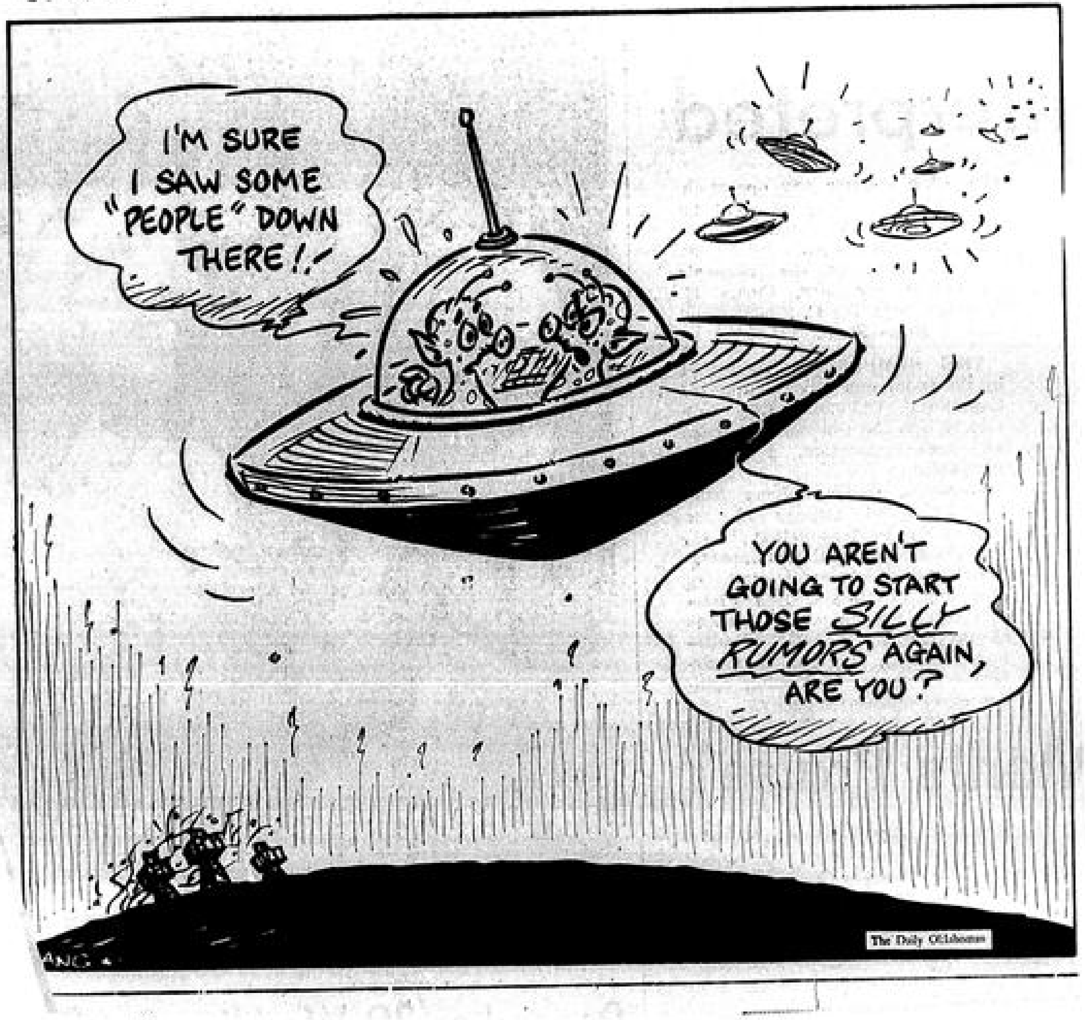
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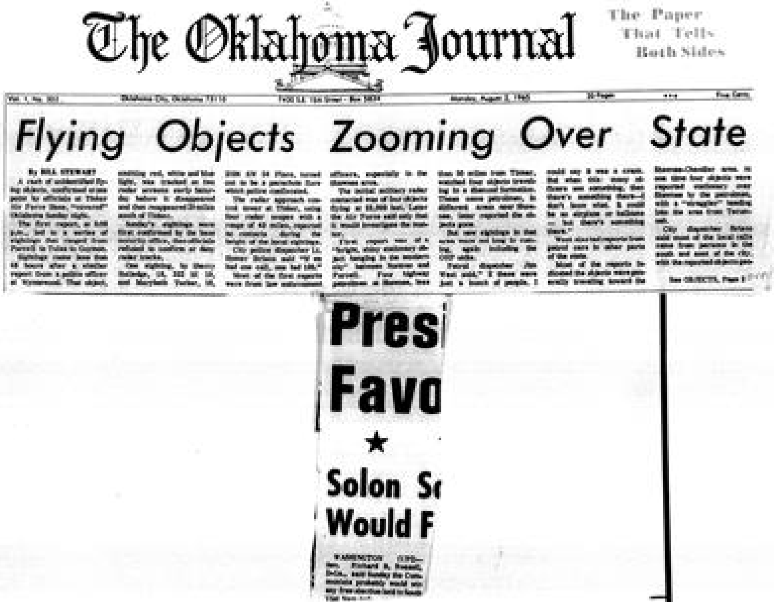

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Flying Objects Zooming Over State

By BILL STEWART

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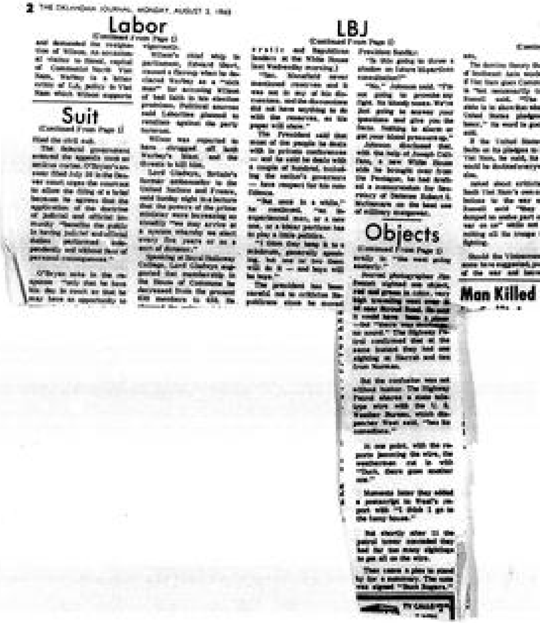

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United States alone on the battlefield, Russell said, "we would be justified in leaving."

The senator said he disagreed with the notion that it will take a ratio of 10 U. S. troops for every Communist Viet Cong guerrilla to win in a pitched battle. Fighting the war on that concept "is going to take an awful lot of American boys," he said.

If further U. S. manpower is needed, Russell said he would favor "distributing the load" by calling up men who have not yet seen military service.

He suggested that the United States might supply its fighting forces with better and more equipment. He did not elaborate but said he was not referring to guns and ammunition. He also said he did not refer to atomic weapons, which "we've got coming out of our ears."

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WASHINGTON (Staff) — Crutcho and Little Crutcho flood control projects in eastern Oklahoma county have been approved by the Bureau of the Budget, Sens. Mike Monroney and Fred R. Harris announced Sunday.

A Corps of Engineers Survey Report has been sent to congress for action.

The project, through channel improvements, will provide flood control in an area extending from SE 29 to the Oklahoma City Floodway near IS 40 and from the CRIP Railroad crossing on Soldier Creek to the North Canadian River.

Areas affected are Midwest City, Del City and Eastern Oklahoma City.

Total cost of the project is $2,770,000 of which $969,000 will be local and $1,801,000 federal.

Flying Objects Seen In Four-State Area

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said the weather bureau tracked several UFO's at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Tinker was tracking as many as four UFO's on its radar screen at one time, estimated their altitude at about 22,000 feet. A Tinker spokesman declined comment, however.

The patrol said officers in three different cruisers reported watching the objects fly in a diamond-shaped formation for about 30 minutes in the Shawnee area.

The UFO's were described as changing color from red to white to blue-green.

A Sedgwick county sheriff's dispatcher said: "I was a disbeliever. But I saw something up there tonight and so did other observers at the weather bureau and the air force base (McConnell)."

The Wichita weather bureau said it tracked one of the objects at 3:40 a.m. south and west of Wellington at an alittude of about 22,000 feet, down to 4,000 feet.

Hayden Hewes, director of the Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Objects, a private UFO investigative agency headquartered in Oklahoma City, said he, six highway patrol troopers and a television photographer watched one of the objects hover over Oklahoma City for about an hour.

He said he has received at least 50 to 100 reports from his associates. He said he talked with Wright-Patterson AFB and was told as soon as UFO headquarters there had drawn a conclusion, the public would be informed.

In the past, the air force has said sightings have turned out to be such things as balloons, birds, search lights, jet exhaust, kites, meteors and missiles.

As of July 20, the air force has investigated 9,127 sightings since 1947, with 667 still unidentified, and said its investigations had turned up no evidence to indicate the objects came from outer space.

Air Force Investigating

Sky Sights Excite Big Area

okla City Times

august 2, 1965

By Jack Taylor

Reports of unidentified flying objects swamped civilian and military authorities in at least four states before dawn Monday.

Scores of sightings were reported in Oklahoma, many in the Oklahoma City area.

Air force officials at Tinker AFB said they are investigating, but that further comment will have to come from Washington. This is normal procedure.

The brilliantly-colored objects apparently were similar to those reported by a Wynnewood policeman two days ago.

The UFO's have been described as egg- or turtle-shaped, flying in formation, making sharp maneuvers and changing colors.

The weather bureau at Tulsa said it tracked UFO's on its theodolight (visual tracking unit) and that they moved precisely with the stars.

A spokesman explained the night was exceptionally clear and some of the brighter stars "rose" in the sky and tended to give off strange lighting near the horizon.

Sightings were reported in a steady stream between 8 p.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Kansas.

Radar at weather bureaus and air force bases scattered throughout the area reported tracking something.

One civilian UFO enthusiast said he received reports from counterparts that sightings ranged over a 9-state area.

The deluge of reports is the heaviest in the 17-year recorded history of UFO's, he said.

Oklahoma City police said they received 30 to 40 UFO reports during the night.

Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters reported a similar experience and at one point three dispatchers couldn't handle all the reports.

Reports of UFO's poured in from Pecos, Monahans, Odessa, Midland, Fort Worth, Canyon and Dalhart, Texas; Hobbs, Carlsbad and Artesia, N. M.; Oxford, Belle Plaine, Winfield, Caldwell, Mulvane, Liberal and Wichita, Kan.

In Oklahoma, they came from Chickasha, Shawnee, Cushing, Guymon, Moore, Tulsa, Purcell, Norman, Meeker, Chandler, Gage, Del City and Oklahoma City.

The air force's official UFO center at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, was reported launching an investigation Monday.

An air force spokesman for the Oklahoma City Air Defense Command refused to confirm or deny a report that a plane was sent after one of the UFO's.

North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs was reported in touch with the air force in connection with the UFO sightings.

The Sedgwick County sheriff's office at Wichita, Kan.,

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Many Report Flying Objects

Despite Air Force claims that Oklahomans were literally "seeing stars," reports continued to flood in of unidentified flying object sightings Tuesday.

One report even had a UFO landing near Justin, Texas, 11 miles from Denton.

Other reports had green UFO's, red UFO's and brilliant white UFO's zipping, hovering and streaking through unusually clear summer skies.

Hundreds of reports streamed into the Highway Patrol, police departments, Tinker Air Force Base, the U. S. Weather Bureau and news media for the third straight night.

Still, the Air Force stuck to its released announcement from Washington, D. C., that some reports could be observations of a Delta meteor shower occurring from July 26 through August 6.

The Air Force statement also said that during the past two days temperature distribution and wind speeds over the great plains were favorable to "scintillation," the natural phenomenon that causes stars to appear to twinkle or distant objects to appear to dance when viewed through layers of the atmosphere.

But, people still reported seeing strange, undefined things.

In Fort Smith, Ark., two high school students, Ronnie Coble, 17, and Jack Clark, 17, both of Van Burem saw egg-shaped three UFO's streak overhead. Five minutes later they saw a fourth, they said.

In Texas two Tarrant County deputy sheriffs reported a brilliant object that "looked like a magnesium flare" appeared to touch ground near Justin. The men spotted it while on patrol near Wagle Mountain Lake.

Peace officers swarmed into the area but several hours later they reported their search revealed nothing.

About the same time, scores of residents in Fort Worth and Denton told of observing a bright light as it streaked northward across the sky.

Telephone callers asked Denton officers about a white glare which, they said, appeared to touch ground in the Justin vicinity.

A policeman at Lewisville, in south Denton County, reported a multi-colored object passed within 100 feet of the Lewisville Dam.

A Norman man, Charles Boyd, said he and four other persons watched a white globe, which they estimated to be 30 to 40 feet in diameter hover about 20 degrees above the horizon southeast of Norman.

Boyd said the object appeared to move forward, ackward, then up and down.

Robert Bennett, a Highway Patrolman on duty at Tishomingo, said he sighted a "green UFO" travelling northeast at high altitudes.

Woodward police officer, Jim Peak, said he verified reports from several residents that a "solid red globe" was flying over the city.

Hayden Hewes, the 21-year old director of a scientific research organization, Interplanetary Intelligence for Unidentified Flying Objects, said Tuesday morning he is still at work plotting the course of the sightings.

Hewes said sources he has talked to in the Air Force are still investigating the reports.

Stating that there were probably a "lot of sensation seekers" out stargazing Monday night, Hewes added that some reports may be fabricated. Many people's imagination is more vivid as a result of all the excitement and interest, he said.

Tinker did have one radar fix for 40 minutes, he said. However, the object did not deviate at all.

"You can't dismiss the fact that so many reliable persons have reported sightings," he said, noting that so many highway patrolmen have reported seeing UFO's.

These people, he added, work at night and are used to seeing the stars. They would recognize an object out of the ordinary.

Meanwhile, Ed O'Brien, public information officer at Tinker, said he expects reports to continue pouring in until the meteor shower ends.

And, at Van Buren, Ark., police report an unidentified object of another sort. A nine-foot ghost with no head nor hands, has been reported by several adults and children roaming along a river bank.

ir Intelligence Staffs Plagued by 'Objects' for

(Editor's Note: John Causten Currey, who prepared the following report, has an extensive background in aviation and military intelligence affairs going back to World War II.)

By John Causten Currey

The recent rash of reports on unidentified flying objects (UFO's) revives a problem which has plagued air intelligence staffs for nearly two decades.

During World War II, such reports came often from Sweden, or from underground sources near the Baltic Sea. Correlated with reconnaissance photos and other intelligence, they gave us early data on test flights of the V-1 and V-2 weapons, and on certain other experimental devices which did not get into production for the Nazi war machine.

After the war, reports of "flying stovepipes" over Scandinavia were at first regarded as evidence that the Russians had taken over the Peenemunde experiments and were developing certain Nazi projects for their own use. Soon these gave way to "flying saucer" reports and from Stockholm the locale shifted to Dayton, Fort Knox, Los Alamos, El Paso, and Oak Ridge. Nervous officials admitted these sensitive sites were too important to permit any possible reconnaissance to go undetected.

So the air intelligence crews were ordered to collect, correlate, and analyze the reports. One of the first officers saddled with this unwelcome chore was Maj. Gen. Robert N. Smith, USAF, who has just completed a tour of duty as director of intelligence of SAC and reports to the Pentagon this month for duty as director of plans, USAF. He was then a Lieutenant Colonel; his progress has not been matched by those seeking to explain the relatively small number of cases in which the object is really unidentifiable.

In the majority of cases, there are explanations, and they do not involve visitors from another planet, or even another continent. If you have seen what you think was a UFO, you are not likely to accept any of these explanations, I find. If, like most people, you see only what is normally there when you look skyward, these explanations may help.

ONE — Most common daytime UFO is the balloon. The great balloons carrying scientific instruments can rise to fantastic heights, and in the hours near dawn or sunset can take on brilliant hues. They sometimes take on odd shapes, too, because they are made of transparent but reflective film. Thus a reflection from the near outer surface is mated with a reflection from the far inner surface. I have seen a perfect example of the "flying saucer" shape formed this way — () — and have even seen it "launch"
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lights flashing. All have red left wingtip, green right wingtip, and white tail lights, and most have the orange-red flashing anticollision lights above and below the main spar. As these military jets and airliners pass overhead, the shifting relative position of the ground observer makes some lights disappear (behind wings, tail, or fuselage) as others appear.

THREE — Satellites account for many sightings. If the "star" is moving in the wrong direction and is not a plane, it is probably a manmade satellite. At present, 2 Echo satellites and 3 of the Pegasus orbiters are visible to the naked eye on regular schedules. Others seen without glasses have included the Atlas that had Ike's recorded voice aboard, and various short-lived rockets and casings.

Echo I moves west to east, in various tracks. Originally a round, 100-foot balloon of pure silver on mylar film, it is now badly out of shape. Called "Old Prune-face" by scientists, it sees bright, then dim, as it alternately catches the light, then tumbles. It is still in a circular orbit after five years of silent travel.

Echo II is a larger, more rigid globe, in a polar orbit. The earth turns under its orbit, so it does not cover the same path each trip as far as ground observers are concerned. Whether headed north or south, it has one distinctive characteristic: it seems to arise from the north or south pole, and set into the opposite pole. Thus, if it is east of the observer, it may travel northeast from the point due south where it is first visible, then seem to swing north. Finally, it swings back northwesterly to its rendezvous with the north pole. If its orbit happens to pass directly overhead, it seems to fly in a straight line.

Pegasus, named for the winged horse of mythology, catches space dust by spreading huge wings, about 100 feet across. When these wings catch the sun's rays fully, it is a brilliant planet to the viewer. As it slowly turns edgewise, it may show colors briefly, then shrink to a pinpoint of blue light. A bit further on, it is again bright white.

As a general rule, satellites are in view from 10 to 20 minutes. Since scientists have erred on this point, one hesitates to make too positive a statement. (Some orbits are elliptical, and produce extended views from time to time.)

FOUR — Lights reflected on low clouds, or beams caught by high "invisible" night haze, have been proved to be the cause of some UFO sightings.

Having said all that, one must add a few more facts. First, the stars and planets do move across the sky, and in a circle around the North Star, Polaris. If the object slowly, slowly passes a tree or pole moving in a clockwise direction around the north pole star, it is one of these heavenly bodies that has always been there, "hung aloft the night like Nature's patient, sleepless Eremite." There is also a current spate of meteorites that seem to come out of the Milky Way in the neighborhood of Cassiopeia.

Second, there are some sightings for which no rational explanation has yet been offered. These include those in which visual and radar fixes confirm each other. Because they MIGHT be manmade objects doing reconnaissance duty — made by earthmen, that is! — it is still necessary for air intelligence to winnow through all the "fun" reports and those made in good faith but easily explained away, and file these few as really unidentified flying object reports for further study and correlation. That is why the USAF wishes they would go away, or make themselves available for study and identification.

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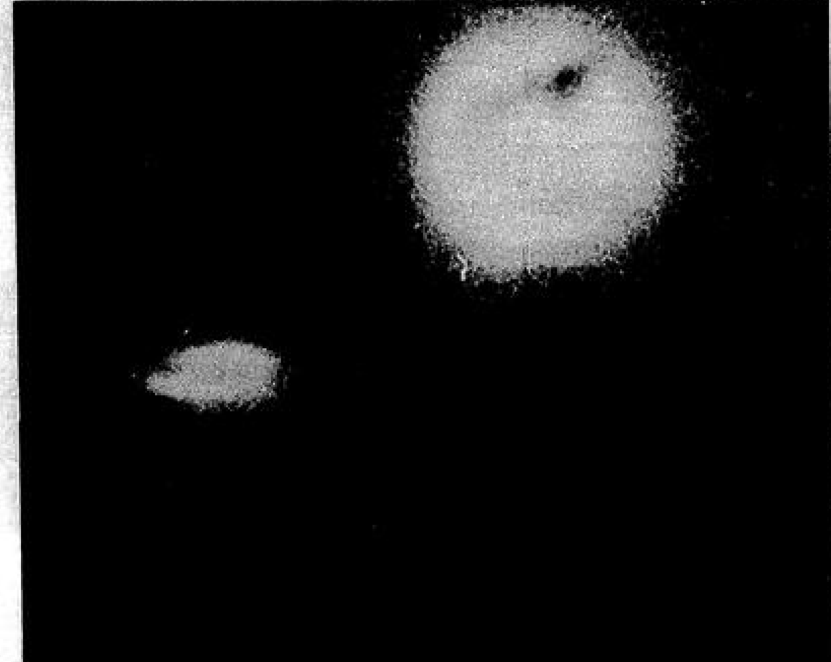

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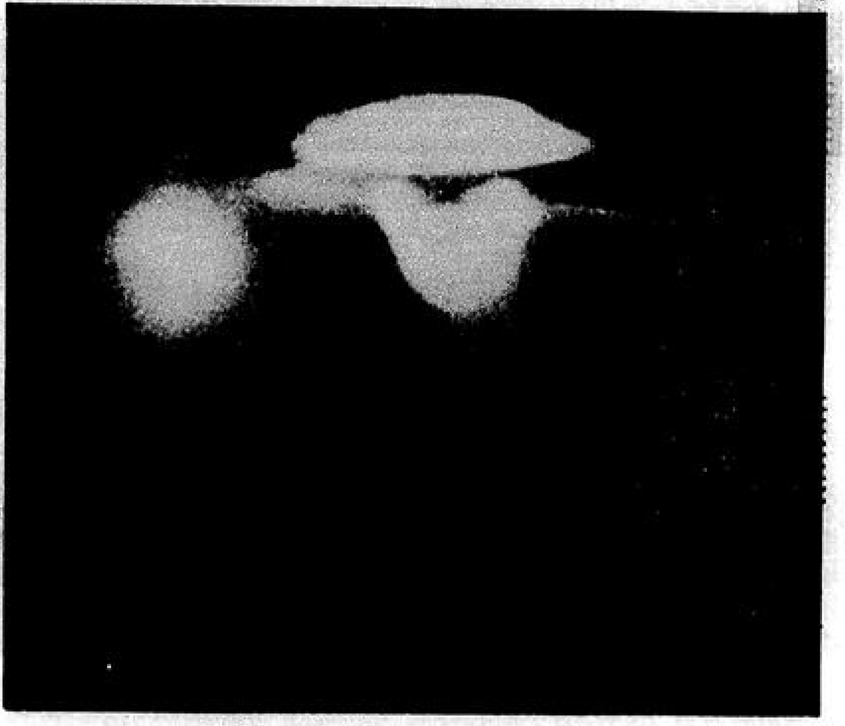

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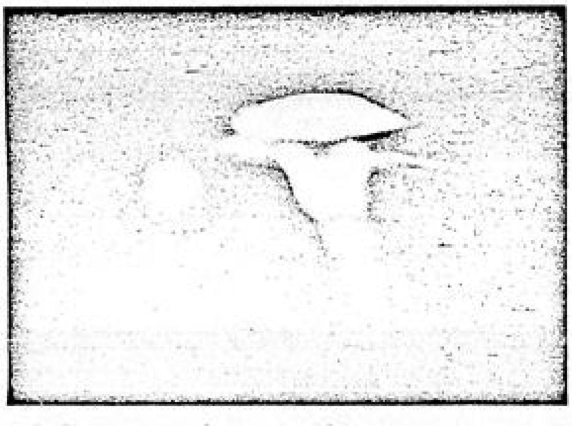

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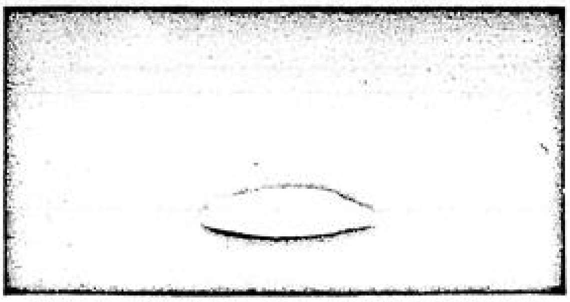

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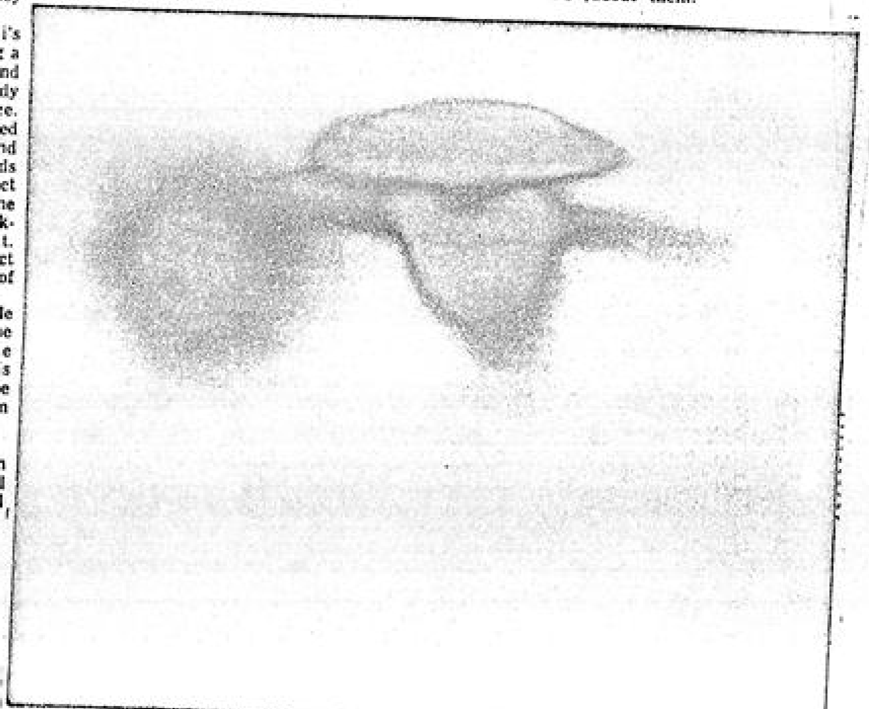

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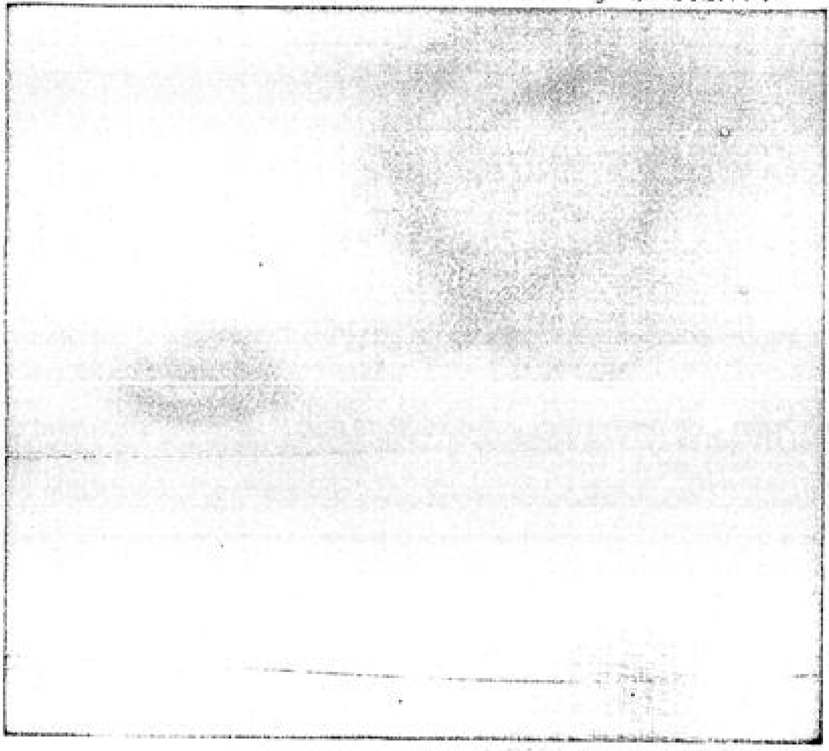

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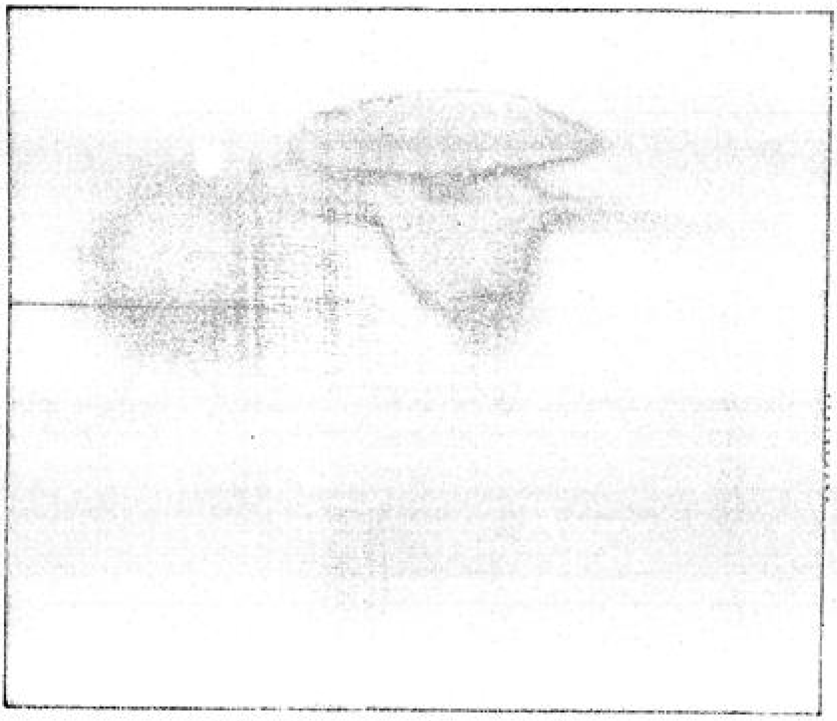

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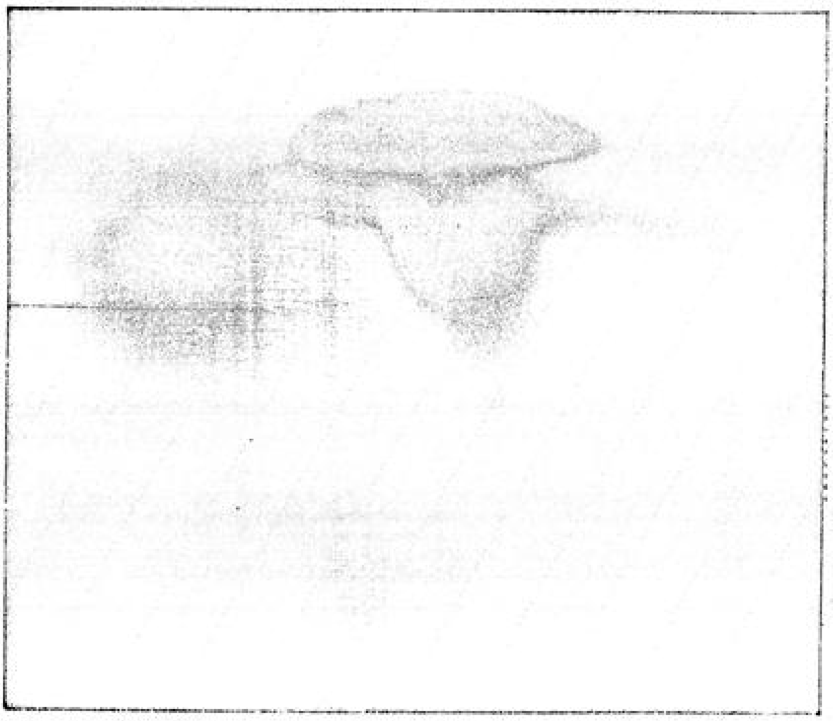

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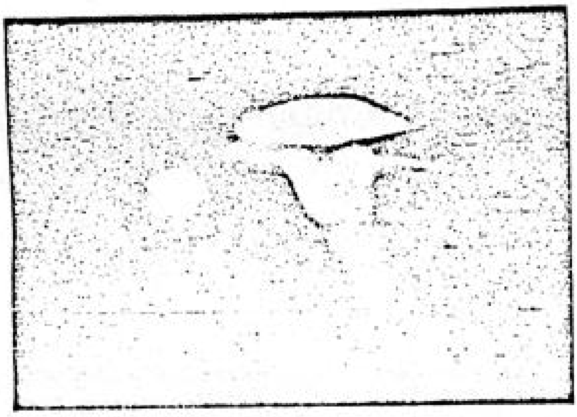

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④	SMITH	NOTHING

3 Sep 65, Exeter, N Hampshire 7 Sep 65, Leon, N York

TSgt David Moody called Griffis AFB, N York and talked with Sgt Hunt, 416 SW of the 4028 Operations Squadron. Informed that Farmer Boy refueling route had been changed to Fur Trapper. Records were checked and revealed that no refueling operations were conducted on the nights of 2-3 Sep and 6 Sep. The route Fur Trapper was closed from 03/0500 to 03/0600Z for an 8th Air Force Operation "Big Blast". Sgt Hunt informed Sgt Moody that a refueling area "Down Date" controlled at Loring AFB, parelleled "fur-Trapper" adjacent to the old Farmer Boy area. Sgt Moody called Col Smith at Loring AFB. No flights were conducted on the morning of 3 Sep and one operation of a B-47, KC-135 from Loring entered the Speedway refueling area near Indianapolis at 07/0110Z. There were no refueling operations in the New England area during the time in question. Any information on "Big Blast" should be obtained from the 8th Air Force. Sgt Moody called Major Benanders at Westover AFB at the 99th Bomb Wing, DCOI, and requested him to obtain information pertaining to the lighting and type of aircraft used in operation "Big Blast" and their positions during the time period of 03/0500-0600Z.

The above was accomplished by telephone on 28 September 1965.

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FOR FTD. REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN PROF. HYNEK, YOUR HQS., AND LT. BRANDT, THIS HQS., RE UFO INCIDENT OF 3 SEP 65 IN EXETER, H.H. CHECK WITH PEASE BASE OPERATIONS HAS REVEALED THAT NO PILOT REPORTS CONCERNING UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY CREWS LANDING DURING PERIOD IN QUESTION. ALSO NOT LIKELY THAT AIRCRAFT IS AREA WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OR SPECIAL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DURING THIS TIME.

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Lt Alan B Brandt, Director of Information
SUBJECT: U.F.O. Sighting
DATE: 9 Sep 65

Received call from June Micholas, wife of Major Micholas, Resident Auditor, stating that her son had seen an unidentified flying object while in the back seat of the family car on 4 Sept 65 near Nashua, N.H., on Route 101.

Her son, Burke, age 13, a student at Portsmouth Junior High, saw the object after waking from a nap while lying in the back seat of the car. He told his parents about it after "coming to". He said he was too shocked to say xxx anything at the time. He described the xxxx object as oval, football-shaped, with red "and other" lights at about 2045 to 2100 hrs.

Phoned above information to Maj David Griffin, BDO, and he said he would make no formal report.

Alan B Brandt

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UFO Information, Exeter, New Hampshire

RADC (EMYS)
Attn: Major Burnside

1. Reference your request for information on the Exeter, New Hampshire unidentified flying object report. A summary of the incident is as follows:

a. The sighting was made on the morning of 3 September 1965. Initial investigation was made by officers from Pease AFB, New Hampshire following wide spread publicity in the local newspapers from the New Hampshire area. A copy of the initial report, dated 15 September and two newspaper articles from 6 and 7 September are included in the case file. Information received in the initial report regarding description of the object and newspaper coverage was not sufficient for a firm evaluation of the sighting. The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions using infra-red lights. On 28 September an investigation attempting to place a specific aircraft of these types over Exeter was made. Results of this investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Patrolmen Bertrand and Hunt and to the Hqs 8th Air Force at Westover AFB. A reply from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0045 and 0135 local time. The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two a.m. Articles in the Saturday Review of Literature, January 1966 issue and the Look magazine, February 1966 issue, further stimulated public interest in this particular sighting. After consultation with project consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, a telephone call was made to Lt. Brandt at Pease AFB requesting that the B-47 pilots be interrogated regarding unusual observations and also to determine if infra-red photography was being conducted in the area. A TWX received on 11 February 1966 indicated that no unusual sightings were made by crews during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. His statement regarding night photography is inconclusive. Copies are included in the case.

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b. Both articles from the Saturday Review and Look Magazine are authored by John C Fuller. The article is essentially factual, however, it is apparent that poetic license and a flair for the sensational has been incorporated into the articles. The only report, submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, is the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello. The other reports, contained in the Look article, have never been reported to the Air Force. Analysis of the report indicates that it is possible for aircraft of a conventional type with rotating beacons or aircraft utilizing infra-red lights in photographic missions to have been the cause of this sighting. Since we have been unable at this time to identify a specific aircraft as the cause of the sighting, the case is regarded for statistical purposes as unidentified. There was no indication that the object presented any evidence whatsoever, of scientific or technical development beyond the present state-of-the-art. There is a total lack of evidence to indicate that the sighting could not have been caused by conventional aircraft.

2. Information on the conduct of the Air Force Project Blue Book was forwarded to your office at an earlier date.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

1 Atch
Case File, Exeter,
New Hampshire

COORDINATION
ORIGINATOR: H. Quintanilla Jr DATE 2 mar 66
TDEW/UFO MAJ H QUINTANILLA, JR

Neil H. Perkins DATE 2 mar 66
TDEW

RADC (EMYS)
Griffiss AFB, N York
13440
Maj Burnside

3 Sep 65

February 9, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/9 Feb 66

Gentlemen:

Based on the additional information you submitted to our UFO investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, we have been unable to identify the object you observed on September 3, 1965.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Raymond Fowler of Wenham, Massachusetts. I hope this will help to clarify our initial statement regarding the sightings in Exeter.

In 19 years of investigating over 10,000 reports of unidentified flying objects, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force and for your subsequent cooperation regarding the report. I regret any inconvenience you may have suffered as a result.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Letter

Mr. Eugene F. Bertrand, Jr.
Mr. David R. Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

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3 Sep 65.

January 25, 1966

Mrs Hunt/sh/SAFOICC/72842/25 Jan 66

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I am inclosing our file on the Exeter, New Hampshire, UFO sightings.

Our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has not received a report on an observation at Hampton, New Hampshire, on August 2, 1965. It is possible that a report was submitted to Pease Air Force Base and identified locally as a known natural or conventional object.

The photograph taken by Mr. Lucci of Beaver, Pennsylvania, was not turned over to the Air Force for evaluation.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Exeter Case File

Mr. John G. Fuller
c/o Saturday Review
380 Madison Ave
New York, NY

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For JOHN G. FULLER
℅ SATURDAY REVIEW
380 MADISON AVE, NYC, NY

① EXETER, N.H. - Sept 3, 1965
Ptl. Eugene Bertrand ± 3^{00} AM
Ptl. David Hunt

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② HAMPTON, NH 0400
Reported to Pease AFB 2 AUG 1965
by Hampton Coast Guard ~~Station~~
(Walter Shipman - sighted UFO
with friend)

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③ BEAVER, PENNA. 8 AUG 1965
11^{50} PM
James Lucci
John Lucci
saw and took Pix of
UFO

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3 Sept 65

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JAN 11 1966

Request for UFO Information

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs. Hunt)

1. We have delayed our reply to Mr. Fowler concerning the Exeter, New Hampshire sighting until our final investigation into this matter could be completed. The initial investigation from Pease Air Force Base was submitted to our office on 15 September 1965 and contained statements from the principle witnesses. This data indicated that a refueling operation might have been the cause of the sighting. Refueling area "Fur Trapper" and refueling area"Down Date" are controlled through Loring Air Force Base and located over the area of the sighting. A call was made to the controller of this refueling area and we were informed that they were closed from 03/0500Z to 03/600Z for an 8th Air Force operation Big Blast. A call was placed to the 99th Bomb Wing at Westover Air Force Base for information on this opeeation.

2. The initial impression was that aircraft from an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights observed during this incident. Information received from the 8th Air Force indicates that ten B-47 aircraft from Pease Air Force base involved in operation Big Blast "Coco" were in the traffic pattern over Exeter, New Hampshire between 03/444Z and 03/535Z. A copy of this information is attached. Since this information conflicted with the time of the sighting and eliminated these aircraft as a possible evaluation of this incident, a letter was forwarded to Mr. Eugene Bertrand and Mr. Dave Hunt of the Exeter Police Department requesting clarification of the time of the sighting. A copy of our letter to these gentlemen and a copy of their reply is attached.

3. The earlier sightings of two unnamed women and those of Mr. Muscarillo are attributed to aircraft from operation Big Blast "Coco." The subsequent observation by Officers Bertrand and Russel occurring after 2 A. M. are regarded as UNIDENTIFIED. It is requested that you send

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a carbon copy of your reply to Mr. Fowler, Patrolman Bertrand, Patrolman Hunt, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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1. Ltr 8th Air Force
2. Ltr Raymond Fowler
3. Ltr to 8th Air Force
4. Ltr to Exeter Police Dpt.
5. Ltr fm. Pt. Hunt and Bertrand

ORIGINATOR H. Quintanilla Jr DATED 7 Jan 66
TDEW/UFO Maj. H. Quintanilla, Jr.

for TDEW W.H. Perkins DATED 10 Jan 66

December 28, 1965

Hector Quntanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Since we have not heard from you since our letter to you of December 2, we are writing this to request some kind of answer, since we are still upset about what happened after the Pentagon released its news saying that we have just seen stars or planets, or high altitude air exercises.

As we mentioned in our letter to you, it could not have been the operation "Big Blast" you mention, since the time of our sighting was nearly an hour after that exercise, and it may not even have been the same date, since you refer to our sighting as September 2. Our sighting was on September 3. In addition, as we mentioned, we are both familiar with all the B-47's and B-52's and helicopter and jet fighters which are going over this place all the time. On top of that Ptl. Bertrand had four years of refueling experience in the Air Force, and knows regular aircraft of all kinds. It is important to remember that this craft we saw was not more than 100 feet in the air, and it was absolutely silent,with no rush of air from jets or chopper blades whatever. And it did not have any wings or tail. It lit up the entire field, and two nearby houses turned completely red. It stopped, hovered, and turned on a dime.

What bothers us the most is that many people are thinking that we were either lying or not intelligent enough to tell the difference between what we saw and something ordinary. Three other people saw this same thing on September 3, and two of them appeared to be in shock from it. This was absolutely not a case of mistaken identity.

We both feel that it's very important for our jobs and our reputations to get some kind of letter from you to say that the story which the Pentagon put out was not true; it could not possibly be, because we were the people who saw this; not the Pentagon.

Can you please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Eugene Bertrand, David R. Hunt

Patrolman Eugene Bertrand, Patrolman David Hunt

Exeter Police
Exeter, New Hampshire

David Hunt
9 Charles ST.
Exeter N.H

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AIR MAIL

David Hunt
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Exeter N.H

December 2, 1965

Hector Quintanilla, Jr., Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book
Wright Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

We were very glad to get your letter during the third week in November, because as you might imagine we have been the subject of considerable ridicule since the Pentagon released its "final evaluation" of our sighting of September 3, 1965. In other words, both Ptl. Hunt and myself saw this object at close range, checked it out with each other, confirmed and reconfirmed the fact that this was not any kind of conventional aircraft, that it was at an altitude of not more than a couple of hundred feet, and went to considerable trouble to [redacted] confirm that the weather was clear, there was no wind, no chance of weather inversion, and that what we were seeing was no illusion or military or civilian craft. We entered this in a complete official police report as a supplement to the blotter of the morning of September 3 (not September 2, as you letter indicates). Since our job depends on accuracy and an ability to tell the difference between fact and fiction, we were naturally disturbed by the Pentagon report which attributed the sighting to "multiple high altitude objects" in the area and "weather inversion." What is a little difficult to understand is the fact that your letter (undated) arrived considerably after the Pentagon release. Since your letter says that you are still in the process of making a final evaluation, it seems that there is an inconsistency here. Ordinarily, this wouldn't be too important except for the fact that in a situation like this we are naturally very reluctant to be considered irresponsible in our official report to the police station.

Since one of us (Ptl. Bertrand) was in the Air Force for four years engaged in refueling operations with all kinds of military aircraft, it was impossible to mistake what we saw for any time of military operation, regardless of altitude. It was also definitely not a helicppter or balloon. Immediately after the object disappeared, we did see what probably was a B-47 at high altitude, but it bore no relation at all to the object we saw.

Another fact is that the time of our observation was nearly an hour after 2:00 AM, which would eliminate the 8th Air Force operation Big Blast, since as you say this took place between midnight and 2:00 AM. Norman Muscarello, who first reported this object before we went to the sight saw it somewhere in the vicinity of 2 AM, but nearly an hour had passed before he got into the police station, and we went out to the location with him.

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We would both appreciate it very much if you would help us eliminate the possible conclusimn that some people have made in that we might have A) made up the story, or B) were incompetent observers. Anything you could do along this line would be very much appeeciated, and I'm sure you can understand the position we're in.

We appreciate the problems the Air Force must have with a lot of irresponsible reports on this subject, and don't want to cause you any unmecessary trouble. On the other hand, we think you probably understand our position.

Thanks very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Eugene F. Bertrand Jr.
Ptl. Eugene Bertrand

David R. Hunt
Ptl. David Hunt

Mr Eugene F Bertrand Jr
Mr David R Hunt
Exeter Police Department
Exeter, New Hampshire

Gentlemen,

The sighting of various unidentified objects by you and Mr Norman Muscarello was investigated by officials from Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire, and their report has been forwarded to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This sighting at Exeter, New Hampshire, on the night of 2 September has been given considerable publicity through various news releases and in magazine articles similar to that from the "Saturday Review" of 2 October 1965. A portion of this article is attached for your information. This information was released by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private organization which has no connection with the government. As a result of these articles, the Air Force has received inquiry as to the cause of this report.

Our investigation and evaluation of this sighting indicates a possible association with an 8th Air Force operation, "Big Blast." In addition to aircraft from this operation, there were five B-47 type aircraft flying in the area during this period. Before a final evaluation of your sighting can be made, it is essential for us to know if either of you witnessed any aircraft in the area during this time period either independently or in connection with the objects observed. Since there were many aircraft in the area, at that time, and there were no reports of unidentified objects from personnel engaged in this air operation, we might then assume that the objects observed between midnight and 2 A. M. might be associated with this military air operation. If, however, these aircraft were noted by either of you, then this would tend to eliminate this air operation as a plausible explanation for the objects observed.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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Article "Saturday Review"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASSACHUSETTS 01022

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE · UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOOTO

24 NOV 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: AFSC (TDEW/UFO)

1. In reply to your letter, same subject, 16 Nov 65, and telephone conversation between SMSgt Heffley, 8AF, and Sgt Moody, Hq AFSC, on 19 Nov 65, the following information is furnished.

2. Big Blast "Coco", a SAC/NORAD training mission, was flown on 2 - 3 September, 1965. By 03/0430Z, the operational portion of the mission was complete and participating aircraft were enroute to their home stations.

3. Ten B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were involved in Big Blast "Coco" and were estimated to arrive at their initial approach fix (Pease TACAN 320° Radial, 10 DME fix), between 03/0444Z and 03/0535Z. The town of Exeter is within the traffic pattern utilized by Air Traffic Control in the recovery of these aircraft at Pease AFB, N.H. During their approach the recovering aircraft would have been displaying standard position lights, anti-collision lights and possibly over wing and landing lights.

FOR THE COMMANDER

William A. McGilpin Jr

WILLIAM A. McGILPIN Jr
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Operations

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UFO Sighting

Hq 8th Air Force

1. A report of an unidentified flying object was submitted to our office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base by the 817 Combat Support Group, Pease Air Force Base. This report was submitted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in accordance with AFR 200-2. Evaluation of information submitted indicates that the observation may be associated with the military operation, Big Blast. The location of the observation was the New Hampshire area, in and around the town of Exeter. Time of the reported UFO was the night of 2-3 August 1965 and specifically 03/0500 to 0600 Zebra. This UFO report has received considerable publicity in newspaper and magazine articles, and the Air Force has received numerous queries regarding the cause of this sighting.

2. We would like to know the specific types of aircraft used in this operation and possible location of these aircraft at the time of the report.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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ORIGINATOR H Quintanilla Jr (DATED) 16 Nov 65
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

TDEW Louis De Ruyz

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Tab # 3

TDEW

OCT 19 1965

Unidentified Flying Objects

Directorate of Information
817th Air Division (SAC)
Pease AFB, New Hampshire 03803

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TDEW

1. Reports which have been received by our organization from Pease AFB during the past year have contained sufficient information for us to provide an evaluation of the reports without subsequent amplification with the exception of the Exeter, New Hampshire report of 3 Sep 65. Preliminary analysis by personnel at our organization indicated a possible refueling operation. A call was made to the "Fur Trapper" refueling area and "Down Date" refueling area. We were informed that these areas were closed for operation from 03/0500Z to 03/0600Z for an Eighth Air Force operation "Big Blast". It is our belief that aircraft from this operation and various stars and planets were the causes of the various reports on the night of 2 - 3 September from this area.

2. AFR 200-2 specifically states that only those objects which are unidentified are to be reported. Therefore, objects such as satellites, aircraft, balloons, etc are not covered by this regulation and such information may be released by your organization to the press or radio, in answer to questions regarding specific reports. If the sighting is not evaluated as a known or conventional object by your organization the release of this information is made by the Air Force through the Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Information.

3. Investigation of unidentified flying object reports is made only in those cases where the observer contacts the Air Force directly. No investigation is made of newspaper reports or rumors to the effect that an object has been sighted.

4. The Air Force does not, as a rule, provide speakers to private groups on the subject of UFOs. Past experience has indicated that talks on this subject only serve to generate additional requests for speakers and creates additional interest in the subject.

5. Should you feel that the problem in your particular instance is sufficient to justify an Air Force representative from this project to visit your organization a request may be made through Hq USAF (SAFOIOC), Washington, D C 20330, attention Mrs Hunt.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

ORIGINATOR: H. Quintanilla, Jr DATED 19 Oct 65
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

One observer (Muscarello) was hitch-hiking on Route 150 at 0200 hours when a group of five bright red lights appeared over a house about 100 feet from where he was standing. The lights were in a line at about a 60° angle and they were so bright they lit up the area. Only one light would be on at a time. Observer watched these lights for approximately 15 minutes when they finally disappeared behind some trees and seemed to go into a field. At one time the objects came so close that observer jumped into a ditch to keep from being hit. Observer caught a ride to Exeter Police Station and reported what he had seen.

Second observer (Bertrand) arrived at Police Station after consoling a lady in a car who claimed a light had been following her and stopped over her car. Bertrand and Muscarello left for the area where Muscarello had seen lights. After arriving in the area a group of five bright lights came from behind a group of trees. These lights were extremely bright and flashed one at a time. The lights started to move around over the field. At one time the lights came so close Bertrand fell to the ground and started to draw his gun. The lights were so bright Bertrand was unable to make out any distinct form. There was no sound or vibration but the farm animals nearby were upset and making a lot of noise. When the lights started coming near again, Muscarello and Bertrand ran for the car.

Third observer (Hunt) arrived after having been called by Bertrand. Hunt also observed the lights which were still over the field but not so close as before. The lights moved out across the field at an estimated altitude of 100 feet and finally disappeared in the distance at the same altitude. The lights were always in line at about 60° angle. When the object moved the lower lights were always forward of the others. Total time that the lights were in the area was approximately two hours.

COMMENTS

The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions. An investigation was made as to the possibility of aircraft in the area at the time of the observation. Results of the investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB between 0044 and 0135 local time. The crews were questioned and they reported no unusual sightings during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. Although several reports were noted, the only report submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, was the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello.

The preliminary impression was that an aircraft from "Big Blast" was the cause of the lights. These aircraft were in the traffic pattern over Exeter between 0044 and 0135, which does not correspond to the time of the observation. Since no aircraft can be placed in the area at 0200 hours the case is listed as unidentified by the Air Force.

HEADQUARTERS
817th AIR DIVISION (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803

15 OCT 1965

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Directorate of Information

SUBJECT: Request for Information Concerning Speakers

TO: Information Officer
Foreign Technology Division, AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. There have been an unusally high number of reported sighting of unidentified flying objects in the Pease AFB, N.H. area which have been the subject of much discussion and numerous newspaper, radio and television reports. Many of these sightings have been reported to this base, and your records will show that we have performed thorough investigations of them. Other reports which we have learned of second hand have been made to local police departments and, in a few cases, to newspapers. Several members of this command have actually been called to view UFO's, by sincere and sober citizens, but as yet we have always been too late or "unlucky." The most interesting sighting, in the nearby town of Exeter, aroused special interest as two policemen saw the object at very close range (reference our report). It is the subject of an article in the current issue of the "Saturday Review of Literature."

2. This office has, of course, not commented on sightings reported to the Air Force other than to say that they are being or have been investigated, that the reports will be sent to your organization, that further releases will be made from the Public Information Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, etc. The fact that we cannot comment on the investigations has led to somewhat alarming suspicion of Air Force motives and interests in this area, the most popular belief being that "...the Air Force won't release the truth, because if the truth were known everyone would be paniced." I have attempted to counter this by explaining the USAF's interest in this matter every time I speak to the press or private citizens about this matter. I have obtained statistics from the "They'll Ask You" pamphlet concerning our success at identifying the vast majority of these sightings and released them in news release format. Still, however, an alarming number of people remain unconvinced.

3. Many members of the two nearby military affairs committees and key citizens from surrounding towns and cities have inquired concerning the possibility of an Air Force speaker on this subject.

Do you operate a speakers' bureau or would you be able to suggest where I might obtain a knowlegeable Air Force spokesman who could explain the Air Force UFO program and what happens to reports sent to your organization? If speakers from your organization are available, it might be possible for us to arrange transportation via a Pease-based C-47. Billeting poses no problem.

4. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Alan B. Brandt
ALAN B. BRANDT, 1st Lt, USAF
Director of Information

Can you take care of this?

Sgt Constance
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HEADQUARTERS
817th COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire 03803

REPLY TO ATTN OF: BDO

15 SEP 1965

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFCS (FTD)

The following report of an unidentified flying object is hereby submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Description of object.

(1) Round.

(2) Baseball.

(3) Bright red.

(4) Five red lights in a row.

(5) Lights were close together and moved as one object.

(6) None

(7) None

(8) None

(9) Extremely bright red.

b. Description of course of object.

(1) Visual sighting.

(2) Object was at an altitude of approximately 100 ft and moved in an arc of 135 degrees.

(3) Object disappeared at an altitude of approximately 100 ft on a mag. heading of approximately 160 degrees.

(4) The object was erratic in movement and would disappear behind trees and houses in the area. It would then appear at a position other than where it disappeared. When in view it would act as a floating leaf.

(5) Object departed on a heading of 160 degrees and was observed until it disappeared in the distance.

(6) One hour.

c. Manner of Observation.

(1) Ground - visual.

(2) None.

(3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting.

(1) 03/09/0600Z

(2) Night

e. Location of observer.

(1) 3 N.M. South West of Exeter, N.H.

f. Identifying information on observer.

(1) Civilian. Norman J. Muscarello. Age, 18. 205½ Front St, Exeter N.H. Unemployed (will join Navy on 18 Sept 65). Appears to be reliable.

(2) Civilian. Eugene F Bertrand Jr. Age, 30. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

(3) Civilian. David R Hunt. Age, 28. Exeter Police Department, Exeter N.H. Patrolman. Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds.

(1) The weather was clear with no known weather phenomenon. There was a 5 degree inversion from surface to 5000 ft.

(2) Winds at Pease AFB, N.H.

ALTITUDE	WINDS
Surface	290/03
6000	310/03
10000	270/77
16000	270/56
30000	260/49
50000	250/33
80000	Not Rec.

(3) Clear (unlimited).

(4) 30 N.M.

(5) None.

(6) None.

(7) See SKEW T. Log P diagram.

h. None

i. None

j. None

k. Major David H. Griffin, Base Disaster Control Officer, Command Pilot.

(1) At this time have been unable to arrive at a probable cause of this sighting. The three observers seem to be stable reliable persons, especially the two patrolman. I viewed the area of the sighting and found nothing in the area that could be the probable cause. Pease AFB had 5 B-47 aircraft flying in the area during this period but do not believe they had any connection with this sighting.

l. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

[illegible]
Captain, [illegible]
Director of Administrative Services

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1. Statement, UFO Sighting, Eugene F. Bertrand Jr.
2. Statement, UFO Sighting, David R. Hunt.
3. Statement, UFO Sighting, Norman J. Muscarello.
4. SKEW T, Log P Diagram

STATEMENT

UFO Sighting

I, Eugene F. Bertrand Jr., was cruising on the morning of the 3rd of September at 0100 on Rte. 108 by-pass near Exeter N.H. I noticed an automobile parked on the side of the road and stopped to investigate. I found a woman in the car who stated she was to upset to drive. She stated a light had been following her and had stopped over her car. I stayed with her about 15 minutes but was unable to see anything. I departed and reported back to the Exeter Police Station where I found Norman Muscorello. He related his story of seeing some bright red lights in a field. After talking with him awhile I decided to take him back to where he said he had seen the lights. When we arrived I parked the patrol cruiser and turned off the lights. There was nothing unusual in the area. Mr. Muscorello and I got out of the cruiser and started walking into the field with a flashlight. When we had gone about 50 ft a group of five bright red lights came from behind a group of trees near us. They were extremely bright and flashed on one at a time. The lights started to move around over the field. At one time they came so close I fell to the ground and started to draw my gun. The lights were so bright Iwas unable to make out any form. There was no sound or vibration but the farm animals were upset in the area and making a lot of noise. When the lights started coming near us again, Mr. Muscarello and I ran for the car. I radioed Patrolman David Hunt who arrived in a few minutes. He also observed the lights which were still over the field but not as close as before. The lights moved out across the field at an estimated altitude of 100 ft and finally disappeared in the distance at the same altitude. The lights were always in line at about 60 degree angle. When the object moved the lower lights were always forward of the others.

EUGENE F. BERTRAND JR
Patrolman

STATEMENT

UFO Sighting

I, David R. Hunt, at about 0255 on the morning of the 3rd of September, received a call from Patrolman Bertrand to report to an area about 3 miles South West of Exeter, N.H. Upon arriving at the scene I observed a group of bright red lights flashing in sequence. They appeared to be about ½ mile over a field to the South East. After observing the lights for a short period of time, they moved off in a South Easterly direction and disappeared in the distance. The lights appeared to remain at the same altitude which I estimate to be about 100 ft.

DAVID R. HUNT
Patrolman

STATEMENT

UFO Sighting

I, Norman J. Muscarello, was hitchhicking on Rte. 150, 3 miles South West of Exeter N.H. at 0200 hours on the 3rd of September. A group of five bright red lights appeared over a house about 100 ft from where I was standing. The lights were in a line at about 60 degree angle. They were so bright they lighted up the area. The lights then moved out over a large field and acted at times like a floating leaf. They would go down behind the trees or behind a house and then re-appear. They always moved in the same 60 degree angle. Only one light would be on at a time. They were pulsating 1,2,3,4,5,5,4,3,2,1. They were so bright I could not distinguish any form to the object. I watched these lights for about 15 minutes and they finally disappeared behind some trees and seemed to go into a field. At one time while I was watching them, they seemed to come so close I jumped into a ditch to keep from being hit. After the lights went into the field I caught a ride to the Exeter Police Station and reported what I had seen.

NORMAN J. MUSCARELLO

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This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give as much information as possible concerning the "Unidentified Flying Object" that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Raymond E. Fowler
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

Time he reported sighting to Desk officer. — 2:25 AM

WAS SIGHTING TIME

1. When did you see the object? 3 DAY 9 MONTH 1965 YEAR

2. Time of day: 2 HOUR 55 MINUTES (Circle One): [✓ A.M.] or P.M.

3. Time zone: (Circle One): [✓ a. Eastern]
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other ________

(Circle One): [✓ a. Daylight Saving Time]
b. Standard Time

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
KENSINSTON RFD — Nearest Postal Address
KENSINGTON — City or Town
N.H. — State or Country

Additional remarks: ________

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. ____ HOURS 10 MINUTES ____ SECONDS

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.
a. Certain
[✓ b. Fairly certain]
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky? (Circle One):
a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. [✓ No] trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?
N/A
a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (circle one):
- a. None
- b. A few
- [✓ c. Many]
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (circle one):
- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight- dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): [✓ a. YES] b. NO c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

- a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)
- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- e. Other? BRIGHTER THAN HEADLIGHT AT CLOSE RANGE

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
c. Break up into parts or explode?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
d. Give off smoke?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
e. Change brightness?	[✓ YES]	NO	DON'T KNOW
f. Change shape?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	[✓ YES]	NO	DON'T KNOW

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW If you answered yes, then tell what it moved behind: ____________

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

If you answered yes, then tell what it moved in front of: ____________

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): [✓ SOLID?] TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	[✓ YES] NO	d. Window glass	YES NO
b. Sun glasses	YES NO	e. Binoculars	YES NO
c. Windshield	YES NO	f. Telescope	YES NO

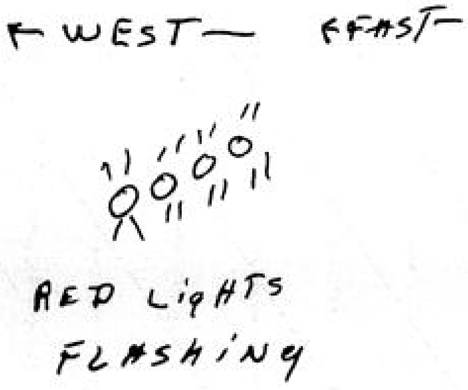
g. Other____________

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. SOUND NONE

b. COLOR RED

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapour trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.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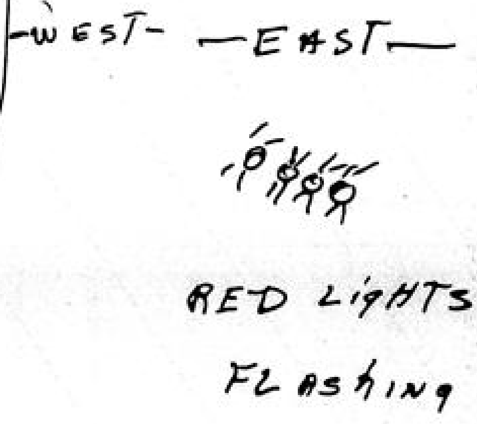
E EAST —
RED LIGHTS
FLASHING



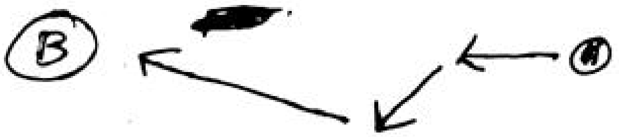
18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
e. Other LIGHTS WERE SO BRIGHT THEY CREATED A HALO

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were travelling.

N/A

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. N/A Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One):
- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- 2 – [✓ e.] Quarter
- f. Half-dollar
- g. Silver dollar
- 1 – [✓ h.] Baseball
- [✓ i.] Grapefruit ← see question #1
- j. Basketball
- k. Other ______

22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- [✓ c.] Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

* – white over field when 1st seen,
** – white over trees bordering field

1 – 200 yards*

[redacted]

2 – 500 yards **

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? DROPPED BELOW TREE LINE

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

N/A

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
[✓ c. Outdoors]
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other ________________

26. Were you (Circle One):

a. In the business section of city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
[✓ c. In open countryside?]
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other ____________________

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

WenT To ASSIST 18 year old boy

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

N/A

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? ____________miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?

(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
[✓ b. Northeast]	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One)

[✓ a. North]	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the the number of degreees it was upward from the horizon (elevation)

N/A

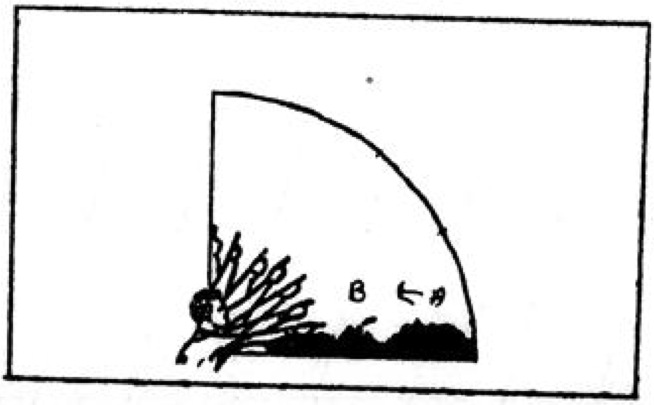
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North _______degrees
b. From horizon _______degrees

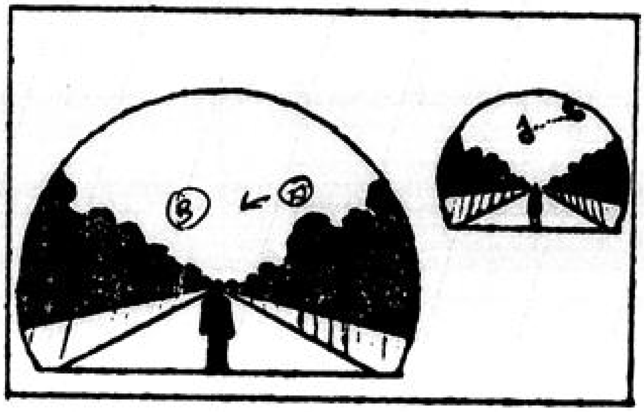
31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North _______degrees
b. From horizon _______degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you FIRST saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you LAST saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): YES [✓ NO]

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES NO

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

MILITARY? COMMERCIAL? PRIVATE? JET? PROPELLER?

How many engines did the aircraft have? ______

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)
- [✓ a. Clear sky]
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)
- a. No wind
- [✓ b. Slight breeze]
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)
- [✓ a. Dry]
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
- a. Cold
- [✓ b. Cool]
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Official or Organization Name(s)	Day	Month	Year
DESK OFFICER EXETER P.D.	9	9	65
OFFICER TOLAND			

36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO If YES, how much? (Circle One) A LITTLE? MODERATELY? EXTENSIVELY?

37. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES.
(Attach separate sheet for above)

38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)? ______________________

39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it?

DO NOT KNOW

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?
(Circle One) YES [✓ NO]
If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? ________ MPH

41. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO
If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 100 FEET

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
(Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? NONE
IF you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO]
X Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO
N/A X If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursements

44. Do you belong to any Organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO] If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if your name is kept confidential? YES NO
May we publish your report and use your name? [✓ YES] NO
(Circle One)

47. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] BERTRAND / [redacted] EUGENE / [redacted] F.
Last Name / First Name / Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] PICKPOCKET RD / EXETER / N.H.
Street / City / State

TELEPHONE NUMBER 772-4973

What is your present job? POLICE OFFICER

AGE 32 SEX ________

Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years)

a\. Grade school 8
b\. High school 4
c\. College ________
d\. Post graduate ________
e\. Technical school ________
(Type of) ________
f\. Other special training? ________
________)

48. Signature: Eugene F Bertrand Date: 9/11/65

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Investigator: National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena
Raymond E. Fowler
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

Time he reported sighting to Duty Officer – Time of sighting ≈ 2:25 AM

1. When did you see the object? 3 (DAY) 9 (MONTH) 1965 (YEAR)

2. Time of day: 2 (HOUR) 55 (MINUTES)
(Circle One): [✓ A.M.] or P.M.

3. Time zone: (Circle One):
[✓ a. Eastern]
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other ________

(Circle One): [✓ a. Daylight Saving Time]
b. Standard Time

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
Kensington RFD (Nearest Postal Address) Kensington (City or Town) N. H. (State or Country)

Additional remarks: ________

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. ____ (HOURS) 5–8 (MINUTES) ____ (SECONDS)

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.
a. Certain
[✓ b. Fairly certain]
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?
(Circle One):
a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
[✓ e. No trace of daylight]
f. Don't remember

7. ~~If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?~~ N/A
a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

before sighting!

8. If you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (circle one):
- a. None
- b. A few
- [✓ c. Many]
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (circle one):
- [✓ a. Bright moonlight]
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight- dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle one): [✓ a. YES] b. NO c. DON'T REMEMBER

10. If it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight appearing to be? (CIRCLE ONE BELOW):

- a. A mile or more away? (a distant car)
- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- [✓ e.] Other? Brighter than headLights at close RANge

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
c. Break up into parts or explode?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
d. Give off smoke?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
e. Change brightness?	[✓ YES]	NO	DON'T KNOW
f. Change shape?	YES	[✓ NO]	DON'T KNOW
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	[✓ YES]	NO	DON'T KNOW

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW If you answered yes, then tell what it moved behind: ____________

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud? YES [✓ NO] DON'T KNOW (Circle One)

If you answered yes, then tell what it moved in front of: ____________

14. Did the object appear (Circle One): [✓ SOLID?] TRANSPARENT? DON'T KNOW

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	[✓ YES] NO	d. Window glass	YES NO	g. Other ________
b. Sun glasses	YES NO	e. Binoculars	YES NO	
c. Windshield	YES NO	f. Telescope	YES NO	

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. SOUND None

b. COLOR Red

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapour trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

-WEST-

-EAST-

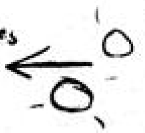
(Two or three Red Lights Flashing In sequence)

18. The edges of the object were:

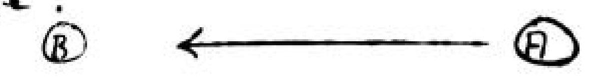
(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
[✓ e.] Other Lights were so bright they created a Halo effect.

19. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were travelling.

Two or three red flashing Lights moving on Horizen East to west At about 60° Angles to each other.



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path; a "B" at the end of the path; and, show any changes in direction during the course. No change in direction or Angle.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. N/A Feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects "held" in the hand at about arm's length?

(Circle One):
a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
[✓ e.] Quarter
f. Half-dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
I. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other ______________

22.1 CIRCLE ONE of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
[✓ c.] Not very sure
d. Uncertain.

Comparison based on probable distance of 2½ – 4 miles

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Dropped below tree or horizon line.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type MATERIAL would you make it? How LARGE would it be, and what SHAPE would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

N/A

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
[✓ c. Outdoors]
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other ________________

26. Were you (Circle One):

a. In the business section of city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
[✓ c. In open countryside?]
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other ____________________

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Called to scene to assist other cruiser.

28. If you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions: N/A

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One):

a. North c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? ____________ miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while observing object?
(Circle One): YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you FIRST SAW the object? (Circle One):

a. North c. East e. South g. West
[✓ b. Northeast] d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you LAST SAW the object? (Circle One)

[✓ a. North] c. East e. South g. West
b. Northeast d. Southeast f. Southwest h. Northwest

31. *If* you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation) N/A

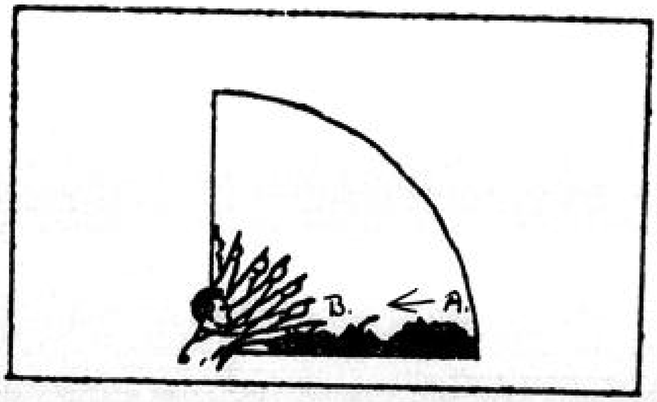
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North ________ degrees
b. From horizon ________ degrees

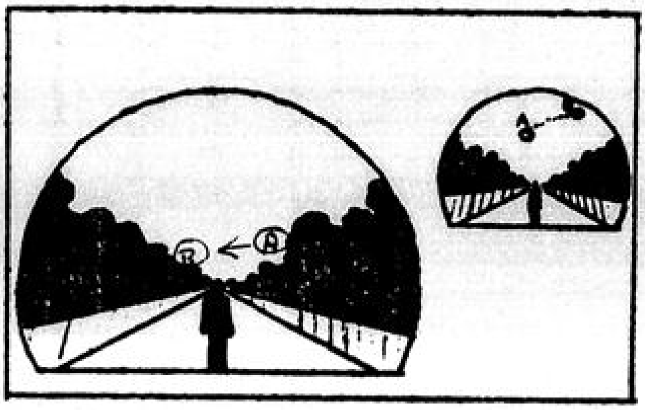
31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North ________ degrees
b. From horizon ________ degrees

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you FIRST saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you LAST saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you FIRST saw it, and a "B" at its position when you LAST saw it. (Refer to smaller sketch as an example of "how" to complete the larger sketch.)



33.1 Were there any KNOWN aircraft in the sky during your sighting?

(Circle One): YES [✓ NO]

If you answered YES, was it following or attempting to intercept the Unidentified Flying Object? (Circle One): YES NO

If you answered YES, please circle TYPE of aircraft:

MILITARY? COMMERCIAL PRIVATE? JET? PROPELLER?

How many engines did the aircraft have? ______

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)
[✓ a. Clear sky]
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)
a. No wind
[✓ b. Slight breeze]
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)
[✓ a. Dry]
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)
a. Cold
[✓ b. Cool]
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Official or Organization Name(s)	Day	Month	Year
Desk officer Exeter P.D.	3	9	65
officer Toland.			

36. Have you read literature pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO If YES, how much? (Circle One) [✓ A LITTLE?] MODERATELY? EXTENSIVELY?

37. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.1 If you answered YES, did they see the object too?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

37.2 Please list their names and addresses if you circled YES:
(Attach separate sheet for above)

38. Was this the first time that you had seen an object(s) like this?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO

38.1 If you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see the other one(s)? ______

39. In your opinion, what do YOU think the object(s) was and what might have caused it? Do not know.

40. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?
(Circle One) YES [✓ NO]
If you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? ________ MPH

41. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?
(Circle One) [✓ YES] NO
If you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 9000 Feet, at closest. Saw at about 2-3 miles on Horizon.

42. Did the Object(s) cause any interference with the operation of:
N/A ✗ (Circle where applicable) RADIO? TV? LIGHTS? OTHER? None
IF you underlined any of above, explain the interference below:

43. Was a photo taken of the Object(s)? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO]
N/A ✗ Would you be willing to submit a copy? (Circle One) YES NO
✗ If you circled YES, please send copy indicating monetary reimbursement:

44. Do you belong to any Organization which investigates Unidentified Flying Objects? (Circle One) YES [✓ NO] If YES, list them below:

45. May we publish your report if you name is kept confidential? [✓ YES] NO
May we publish your report and use your name? [✓ YES] NO (Circle One)
Changed his mind - left at YES.

47. Please give the following information about yourself:
NAME Hunt (Last Name) David (First Name) Russell (Middle Name)
ADDRESS 11 Charles St. (Street) Exeter (City) N. H. (State)
TELEPHONE NUMBER 772-3615
What is your present job? Police Officer.
AGE- 26 SEX- Male
Please indicate any educational training you have had: (Number of years)
a. Grade school 8
b. High school 4
c. College ________
d. Post graduate ________
e. Technical school ________
(Type of) ________
f. Other special training? ________
________)

48. Signature: David R. Hunt Date: 9/11/65

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RECENT SAUCER SIGHTINGS

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE SIGHTINGS: Since publication of our December 1965 issue, we have received a good deal of additional material concerning our lead story in the "Recent News" section, which in our opinion is one of the most impressive UFO incidents of recent years. Here is Norman Muscarello's story, as quoted in the Rockingham County Gazette:

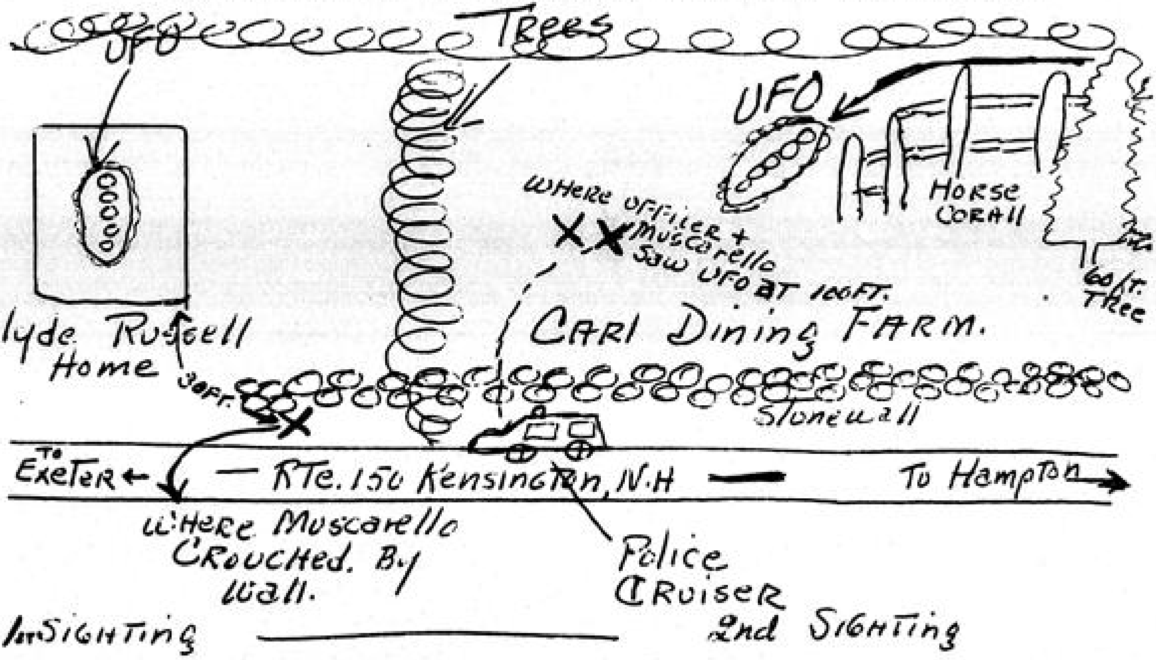
"It was about 2 a.m. on Friday, September 3rd. I was walking along Route 150 in Kensington (N.H.) on my way home from a visit to a friend in Amesbury. As I approached the Clyde Russell house, I saw a 'thing' with brilliant red alternating lights approaching me from the direction of Dining's corral. (See diagram below.) I jumped over the wall and lay on the ground while it hovered over me about a telephone pole length above the ground.

"I had a good opportunity to observe it closely. The lights were on an oblique angle, from sky to ground. There were five lights in all, which lit up in sequence. It took about two seconds to complete a cycle. I estimated the length from the first light to the fifth as approximately 90 feet.

"As it hovered over me, it also partially covered the Russell garage. The lights were so brilliant that it was impossible to make out any shape behind them. After it left, I banged on the door of the Russell home, but was unable to wake anybody. Then a car came along, and I was given a ride to the Exeter police station. I told them what I had seen, and someone suggested that we return to the area.

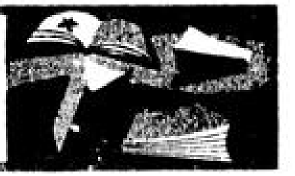
"Officer Bertrand took me in one cruiser, and Officer Hunt arrived in another. We walked down into the field, but didn't see anything. As we were about ready to return to the cruisers, I noticed the alternating lights down in back of some trees. It came out at tremendous speed, and we all had a good opportunity to observe it.

"What impressed me most was the brilliant red lights, and the complete


UFO
TREES
UFO
Horse Corall
WHERE OFFICER + MUSCARELLO SAW UFO AT 100FT.
60 FT. TREE
Clyde Russell Home
CARl Dining FARM.
30FT.
Stonewall
TO EXETER ←
— RTE. 150 KENSINGTON, N.H —
TO HAMPTON →
WHERE MUSCARELLO CROUCHED. BY WALL.
POLICE CRUISER
1st SIGHTING
2nd SIGHTING

Saturday Review, Jan. 22, 1966

Trade Winds



In our column of last October 2, we reported on an incident at Exeter, New Hampshire, involving an Unidentified Flying Object, or UFO, as the Air Force likes to refer to them. The Exeter report was interesting not only because it was on the official records of the local police but also because it had been verified by two officers whose character and reliability seemed to be unassailable. Furthermore, at least five people observed the object at altitudes ranging from twenty to one hundred feet.

The Exeter incident, which occurred on September 3, 1965, followed a rash of UFO sightings by state police, as well as radar observations, in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico, reported by the *New York Times* and other papers in August. All through the night of August 1, for example, the teletype at Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters chattered with reports from all over the state. The phrases were terse: THREE SHAWNEE OFFICERS HAVE FOUR OF THE OBJECTS IN SIGHT AT THIS TIME, ALSO ANOTHER HAS CROPPED UP FROM THE SOUTH OF TECUMSEH AND IS APPARENTLY GOING TO FLY DIRECTLY OVER SHAWNEE. . . . OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL UNITS 30 AND 40 HAVE ALSO MADE VISUAL SIGHTINGS. . . . TINKER AIR FORCE BASE HAS HAD FROM ONE TO FOUR OF THEM ON RADAR AT A TIME AND THEY ADVISE THEY ARE FLYING VERY HIGH AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FEET, WHICH SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH THE VISUAL SIGHTINGS. . . .

On the same night that the Exeter police watched their enormous object hover silently at treetop level not more than a football field's distance away, Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Robert E. Goode were patroling an area in Texas about forty miles below Houston. Their patrol car was approached by a luminous object that came down from the sky to a pasture about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet in the air. In a report to the Air Force the deputies said: "The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be 200 feet wide, and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail."

The report in this column of the Exeter sighting brought many letters from readers. P. S. Hensel of Cleveland wrote, "For the past sixteen years, especially, thousands of sane human beings, just as sane as the many police officers and airplane pilots and scientists around the world, have been seeing these things. But to the Air Force they are hallucinations, flying stars, and planets. Dozens have seen UFOs of one type or another, many have faith in their fellow men so that they do not deem them liars and fools."

The column also interested the editors of *Look*, who asked us to do an extensive, detailed article on the incident at Exeter. G. P. Putnam, the publishers, also were interested in the incident for a book. As a result we had the opportunity to spend the better part of a month in the Exeter area, tape-recording more than sixty interviews with people who say they've encountered these objects and give accounts of their observations that coincide.

The total impact of these interviews, many with people of considerable standing in the community, cannot be overlooked or dismissed lightly. Their testimony adds up to these things:

► There is almost overwhelming evidence that Unidentified Flying Objects do exist. Reports are still continuing.

► UFOs have moved and hovered directly over cars and people, as low as eight to ten feet above the ground.

► They have been reported not only by police, but off the record by military personnel and Coast Guardsmen.

► They have shown no evidence whatever of creating physical harm, but they have caused shock and hysteria among those people who have encountered them at low level. One couple had to seek psychiatric help after reporting a close encounter with a UFO.

► At least four women, living in widely separated areas of southern New Hampshire, are afraid to go out at night alone since they encountered low-altitude UFOs, and refuse to do so. On the other hand, observers recover from initial shock quickly, and actually try to see them again.

► At low altitude the motion of the UFO is often reported to consist of a yawing, kitelike motion, wobbling in the air, moving slowly back and forth, changing directions on a dime. There is usually a total absence of sound, although sometimes a high-frequency hum is heard. No wind, of the kind experienced from helicopter blades, is reported by witnesses.

► The objects can hover motionless for many minutes, then take off at incredible speeds, disappearing within seconds.

► They are often reported to cast a brilliant red light at low altitude, which can illuminate the ground and trees in an area 300 feet in diameter or more.

► The objects are constantly reported in the area of high-power transmission lines.

► The objects are reported to cause a violent reaction in dogs, cattle, and other animals. Problems with lights, radios, TV, and car ignition are also reported.

► Among the sixty people whose interviews were taped, the similarities of descriptions are amazingly consistent, although many lived miles apart and knew nothing about the other sightings.

► In the large majority of interviews, we were able to determine that the respondent had a reasonable capacity to differentiate between a B-47, B-52, commercial jet or prop plane, helicopter, and the stars and planets.

► Some sightings were made in broad daylight, and were described in detail.

While these taped interviews may add up to strong evidence, they still do not represent conclusive proof. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has documented thousands of sightings by trained personnel, providing impressive evidence. Speculation is that the government and the Air Force may be fully aware of the entire story, but are reluctant to admit its validity because of its possible disruptive effect on people. But the truth isn't likely to remain hidden forever. In fact, many are wondering if it isn't time for the government either to explain whatever it knows, or to order a research project to investigate the phenomenon and reveal the facts. —JOHN G. FULLER

SOLUTION OF LAST WEEK'S
KINGSLEY DOUBLE-CROSTIC (No. 1658)

DAVID GARNETT:
VIRGINIA WOOLF

As a young man, I was well aware of her avidity to find out my secret feelings, and of the ruthlessness with which she might use her knowledge, so . . . if Mr. Albee had been born, to ask his question "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" I should have admitted that I was.

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Widespread UFO Reports In Southern New Hampshire

KENSINGTON, N.H. — An unidentified flying object has been reported as being sighted by at least five persons, including two Exter police officers, in a field off Route 150.

Early Friday morning, Norman J. Muscarello, 18, 205½ Front St., Exeter, was walking on Route 150 in Kensington, near the residence of Carl Dining, when he said he saw a large, red object with flashing lights emerge from the woods in the rear of the Dining residence.

Muscarello, on being interviewed later, stated he was at first stunned and then he lay flat in the ditch until the hovering object had withdrawn. He then tried to rouse the nearby Clyde Russell household but was unsuccessful.

Muscarello flagged down a passing car and was taken to the Exeter Police station where he reported what he had seen to Officer Eugene Bertrand.

Bertrand returned to Kensington with the youth and they were joined shortly by Officer David Hunt. The trio walked down into the field towards the area Muscarello reported seeing the object materialize. Suddenly the brilliant red object rose slowly in the sky, they said.

Bertrand ran to the police cruiser and notified the desk officer. They said the mysterious object hovered in the vicinity for approximately 15 or 20 minutes before it disappeared from sight again. Muscarello said it appeared to be as big as a house and completely silent. It was reported to move on a tilted angle.

During the time the object was in sight the horses at the Dining farm caused considerable commotion and the dogs in the neighborhood were reported to bark and howl.

Kensington

Correspondent: Mrs. Parker B. Blodgett, Shaw Hill Road; Tel. 778-2848.

Similar reports of other people sighting the object that same night came into the police station. The descriptions were essentially similar.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Russell reported seeing a large mysterious object at about 10 p.m. Friday as they were getting ready for bed. Their description of the object was a large red ball with flashing lights. They said it made no noise and was moving rather slowly.

Watchers were out for about five hours Saturday night but the unidentified flying object was not seen.

According to Exeter police two unidentified women were found in a state of near shock in a parked car on the Exeter-Hampton by-pass at 12:30 Friday morning.

Officer Bertrand said the women reported being chased along Route 101 from Epping for about 12 miles by a flying object which glowed with a brilliant halo of red.

The flying object was again sighted by one of the women as she related the story to police. Bertrand sighted the object and said it appeared to be a star low on the horizon.

Another sighting was reported by a police officer at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the intersection of Route 101 by-pass in Exeter and Route 87 in Newfields, N.H.

Also, an unidentified man telephoned Exeter police later Friday afternoon in what police described as an "hysterical" condition, reporting that he had been chased by a flying saucer. The line went dead before the call could be completed or traced.

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Important New England Sighting

By Dan Lloyd

This account has been condensed from a copy of a report sent to the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* by the chairman of the Massachusetts NICAP sub-committee, RAYMOND E. FOWLER. The original of the report was sent to NICAP H.Q. at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C., 20036. A model of objective investigation, the report provides an interesting insight into the workings of NICAP. Unhappily it is too long for presentation here in its original form, but it is worthy of note that a version of the account, with due acknowledgements to Mr. Fowler, appeared in the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH of October 3, 1965.

THIS unusual sighting occurred near Exeter, New Hampshire, on September 3, 1965.

At approximately 12.30 a.m. on that date, Officer Eugene Bertrand of the Exeter Police Station came upon a woman parked on the Exeter-Hampton Bypass, who told him excitedly that she had been chased along Route 101 for 12 miles by a flying object which was encircled with a brilliant red glow. She said that the object had dived at her car several times.

Approximately half an hour after this event, eighteen-year-old Norman Muscarello was walking along Route 150 some two miles outside of Exeter trying to thumb a lift into town. Suddenly, he was alarmed to see an object carrying at least four extremely bright red pulsating lights emerge from nearby woods and manoeuvre over a nearby field. It hovered over a house belonging to Clyde Russell, then, as the frightened youth crouched down behind a stone wall bordering the field, it seemed to move closer towards him. Its lights were so bright that the Russell home was bathed in a red glow. The object appeared to be about 80–90 feet long—much longer than the house—and was completely silent. Then it moved away and disappeared behind some trees. Muscarello tried to wake the occupants of the Russell home by pounding on the door but, thinking the boy was drunk, they refused to open the door. Muscarello finally gave up and flagged a lift to the Exeter Police Station.

Muscarello reported the incident to Desk Officer Reginald Towland at about 1.45 a.m. He was white with fear and hardly able to talk. Officer Bertrand was recalled to the station, and he picked Muscarello up, and returned with him to the scene of the incident, but the object was nowhere to be seen. Officer Bertrand suggested they examine the field, and as the police officer was playing his flashlight back and forth, Muscarello sighted the object rising slowly from behind some nearby trees. He shouted a warning. Bertrand swung round and saw a large, dark object carrying a straight row of four extraordinarily bright red pulsating lights coming into the field at tree-top level. It cleared a 70-foot tree and came to within 100 feet of them. Instinctively, Officer Bertrand reached for his revolver but, thinking better of it, yelled to Muscarello to take cover in the cruiser. They ran to the cruiser, where Bertrand immediately put in a radio call to headquarters for assistance. Officer David R. Hunt arrived within minutes and, together, they observed the object move away beyond and below the tree line.

Altogether, the object was in view for some 10 minutes by Officer Bertrand and Norman Muscarello, and about 5 minutes by Officer Hunt when he joined them.

Pulsating Lights

The four brilliant pulsating red lights appeared to flash in a steady sequence from left to right and back again. Officer Bertrand said they were brighter than any light he had ever seen and compared their brightness to that of car headlights shining directly in one's face at a distance of only several yards. The manner in which they pulsated gave Bertrand the distinct impression that this was an intelligently-constructed vehicle and definitely not some natural phenomenon. The lights were seen to be part of a large, dark, solid object, and the reflection off the object's body caused a halo effect around it.

No sound was heard by the witnesses, even at close range, but apparently the animals in a nearby barn sensed something that frightened them, for they whinnied and kicked their stalls. A dog barked furiously. No interference was noticed on the police radio nor were the lights and ignition of the cruiser affected. The field contained no scorched marks or indentations.

To add to the excitement, an unidentified hysterical man tried to call the police during the early hours of the morning to report a UFO. He dialled the operator and excitedly asked to be put through to the police as he had been chased by a

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October 29, 1965

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Chief, Pictorial Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

SAF-OIPB
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
Office of the Secretary
United States Air Force
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Major Jacks:

This is a formal enquiry concerning the official USAF evaluation of the detailed UFO Report I submitted to AFSC-FTD/Project Bluebook last month. My investigation and subsequent report took place shortly after the official USAF Investigating Team from Pease AFB made their investigation.

The UFO sighting took place between the Clyde Russell and Carl Dining properties along Route #150 in Kensington, N.H. on September 3, 1965 in the early hours of the morning. The witnesses were Norman Muscarello and Officers Bertram and Hunt of the Exeter, N.H. police force.

In 1964 I customarily received correspondence from your office in response to UFO reports submitted to the USAF for evaluation. This was appreciated. I have submitted many reports since but have not received any response. This is understandable due to the many reports received by the USAF and I do not expect such a service on your part normally, but, I did spend a great deal of time and thought on the Kensington, N.H. report and would appreciate your sending the official USAF evaluation of the same as-soon-as-possible. I understand the evaluation has been made.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from your office soon.

Sincerely,

Raymond E. Fowler
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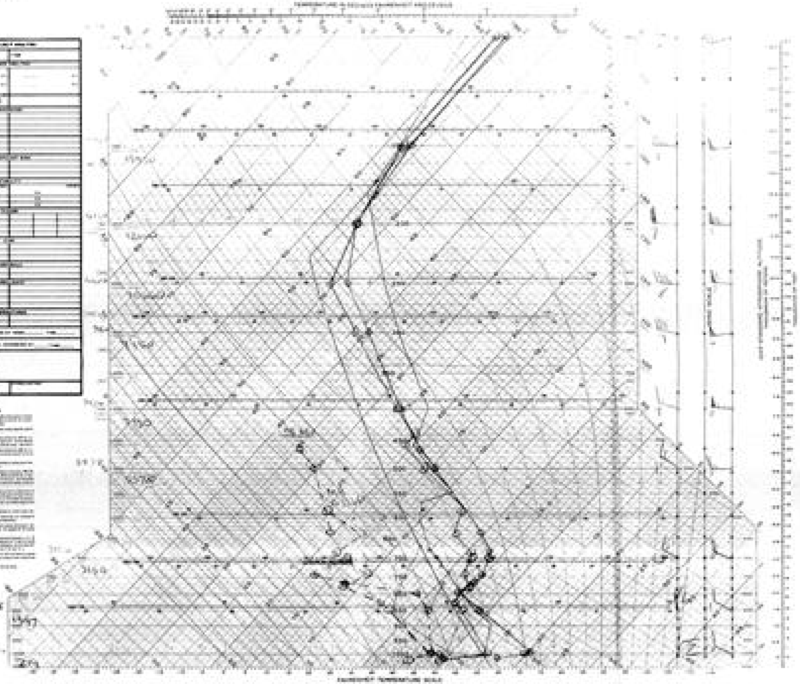

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MR. RAYMOND E. FOWLER
13 FRIEND COURT
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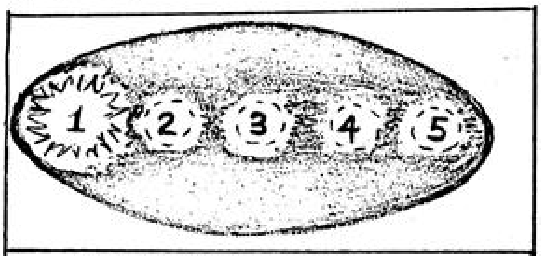
UFO PANIC (Continued from page 1)

"He was white with fear and hardly able to talk," Desk Officer Reginald Toland said later. Muscarello told Toland and Officer Bertrand the story, and though it seemed incredible, Bertrand drove him back to the scene in his police cruiser.

Muscarello and the officer walked into the field where the UFO had been seen. At first, nothing was visible. Then as Bertrand pointed his flashlight around Muscarello shouted, and Bertrand swung around in time to see a large dark object displaying "a straight row of extraordinarily bright red pulsating lights." The UFO, coming into the field at tree-top level, changed course and flew toward them, just clearing a 60-70 foot tree.

Bertrand reached for his revolver, then thought better of it. Shouting for Muscarello to take cover in the car, he also jumped into the cruiser, fearing they might be burned by the blinding red lights closing in.

As Bertrand radioed for help, he and Muscarello heard a dog barking furiously and horses in a nearby barn whinnying and kicking their stalls.



EXETER, N.H. SEPTEMBER 3, 1965

Brilliant red light pulsed in a smooth sequence:
1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1
taking two seconds to complete a full cycle.

The sequence in which the five lights pulsated -- 1-2-3-4-5-4-3-2-1" gave Officer Bertrand the impression that the UFO was "an intelligently constructed vehicle." The brilliance of the lights created a halo effect; and at close range they were so blinding he could not look directly at them.

But even though he could not see clearly behind the lights, their reflection from the UFO's body indicated a "large, dark, solid object as big as a house.... It seemed compressed as if it were round or egg-shaped, with definitely no protrusions like wings, rudder or stabilizer."

Officer David R. Hunt arrived from Exeter in time to view the UFO for about six minutes. By then it was moving away slowly, but he saw red lights pulsating in sequence "brighter than headlights at close range."

Moving on a westward course, the UFO disappeared below the tree line.

That night, Exeter police notified Pease AFB, and next day an AF major and a lieutenant interrogated the witnesses. Shortly afterward, NICAP Investigator Raymond Fowler also interviewed the policemen. They told him the AF officers showed special interest in the size and shape of the object. The policemen also said the AF men told them:

1. A USAF check revealed no aircraft in the area during the sighting. 2. Pease AFB had been receiving other UFO reports in the New Hampshire area almost nightly for the previous week.

3. There had been a case in late July where a motorist came upon a UFO hovering over the road directly in front of his car.

Most interesting of all, the police said the AF officers asked them to keep the story from the press to avoid frightening the public. But the details were already on the police blotter, and it was too late for secrecy.

Besides the witnesses, Investigator Fowler talked with several area residents. Most of them seemed more curious than frightened–but they had not had close-range encounters.

Later, the influential Saturday Review published details of this case after NICAP discussed it with John G. Fuller, writer of the Review's "Trade Winds" column. After a careful check with the Exeter police, Investigator Fowler and Pease AFB, Fuller wrote a serious report, including a new statement by Officer Bertrand:

"My brain kept telling me this doesn't happen–but there it was, right in front of my eyes... it hovered there, about 100 feet away... I don't know what it was. All I can say is that it was there, and three of us saw it together."

(Mr. Fuller's report, crediting NICAP, appeared in the Oct. 2 issue of the Saturday Review.)

silence of the thing."

Further confirmation came from the testimony of Mrs. Clyde Russell, near whose home the Muscarello sighting was made. She told how, on the evening of September 2nd, between 9:30 and 10 p.m., she watched a brilliant red object about the size of a full moon cross the sky over her home and disappear in the distance. This was about four hours previous to the sighting by young Muscarello in the same area.

Also, shortly before Muscarello's arrival at the Exeter police station, Officer Bertrand talked to two women parked in an automobile on Route 101, just out of town. Bertrand asked the ladies if they needed help, and the driver told him that, as she was driving from nearby Epping, N.H., a flying object had circled her car, giving off a brilliant red glow. She went on to say that it dived at her car several times before departing. Unfortunately, Bertrand did not take the names of these women, so they cannot be reached to add their evidence to the already impressive file we now have on the mysterious Exeter Case.

The two police officers and several other people were questioned by Air Force officers from Pease Air Force Base. The policemen were asked to keep the incident from the press, so as to "avoid alarming the local people." But it was too late, as several reporters already had the story. There was a rumor that an Air Force officer went to stores selling the Manchester (N.H.) Union Leader - containing the story - and bought up all the copies. This rumor was of course denied.

A phone call by SAUCER NEWS to the Air Force UFO spokesman at the Pentagon revealed that the sighting by the two policemen is carried on their books as an UNKNOWN.

Our thanks to researcher Nellie Robinson of Salem, Massachusetts, for the above drawing, as well as for most of the information in this article.

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UFOs PANIC POLICE, MOTORISTS

In the last few months, there has been a disturbing increase in public fear of UFOs. Suddenly confronted with these strange objects, veteran policemen -- formerly skeptics -- have panicked and fled. In one case Texas police frankly told the AF they had raced away, badly frightened, at over 100 m.p.h. (Copy of report to AF in NICAP files.) In other verified cases, women motorists were found in a state of shock . . . a truck driver was terrified when a UFO came at him head-on . . . and other observers, here and abroad, were alarmed by UFO encounters, especially at close range.

We do not wish to add to the fear of UFOs, but the causes mentioned are already known locally. If such cases continue, and are not offset by publicizing the thousands of harmless encounters, it could seriously add to the problem of educating the public.

A case at Exeter, N.H., Sept. 3, is a typical example of fear caused by a closely approaching UFO. Around 12:30 a.m., Exeter police, investigating a car parked by a highway, found two women in a state of near shock. The driver told Officer Eugene Bertrand they had been chased 12 miles by a flying object with a brilliant red glow. Not seeing any strange object, Bertrand reassured the women and drove off.

Pulsating Lights

Half an hour later, Norman J. Muscarello, 18-year-old Exeter youth, was walking along Route 150 when a strange, red-lighted object came over some nearby trees. The almost blinding red glow came from five extremely bright lights, which pulsated in sequence.

Frightened, Muscarello crouched behind a stone wall. The UFO stopped and hovered just above a house owned by Clyde Russell, of Kensington. Muscarello could see it was larger than the house -- at least 80-90 feet long. After the UFO silently moved back over the trees, Muscarello ran to the Russell home and pounded on the door. But the Russells, thinking it was a drunk, refused to open the door.

About 1:45, Muscarello reached the Exeter Police Station, two miles from the sighting spot.

(Continued on page 3, column 1)

Mabley's Report:

Do We Have Visitors from Outer Space?

BY JACK MABLEY

WILLARD LIBBY. Nobel prize winner, former University of Chicago professor, now at the University of California at Los Angeles, states in the September Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists that life "in all probability occurs widely in other stellar systems."

JACK MABLEY

He suggests life on other planets may be millions of years more advanced than that on Earth. Later I want to do a whole column on Dr. Libby's lucid explanation of man's place in the physical universe.

The reference to Dr. Libby today is to lend some weight to the idea that there is life out there, and with a million-year jump on us in developing intelligence, they just might be visiting us. We sent a flying saucer to Mars.

Northwestern's Dr. Allen J. Hynek, air force consultant on unidentified flying objects, says people like to see things. I'll go Dr. Hynek one step farther. People like to believe things. I find it fascinating to believe there probably are space ships flying close to earth.

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EARLY IN SEPTEMBER, an unidentified flying object was reported at Exeter, N. H. John Fuller, a columnist in The Saturday Review, was curious enough to follow up the report. He pieced together this story:

Policeman Eugene Bertrand, on routine patrol shortly after midnight Sept. 3, pulled up beside a parked car on Route 101 and found two women visibly disturbed.

They said an airborne object, bright red and flashing, trailed them for nearly 12 miles. Bertrand, a Korean war veteran, was skeptical. He made a routine radio report, and continued his patrol.

At 2 a. m., Norman Muscarello, 18, ran into the Exeter police station in near hysterics. He said he was hitchhiking home, looked up, and saw a similar object approaching him with a yawing kitelike motion. The object lighted the entire area. He threw himself against a stone wall, then ran to a farmhouse when the object sailed out of sight. After the police took his story, the desk sergeant radioed Officer Bertrand and asked him to take Norman Muscarello back to the spot.

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OFFICER BERTRAND SAYS: "I was sure these women and this kid had seen a helicopter, or something like that. But we went out to the spot, and I parked the cruiser. It was a clear night. No wind. No fog. We walked about 100 yards out on the field, near a barn where a lot of horses were kept. Then the kid yelled, 'There it is!'

"He was right. It was coming up over a row of trees. There was no noise at all. It was about 100 feet away from us. I could see five bright red lights in a straight row. They dimmed from right to left, and then from left to right—just like an advertising sign does.

"It lit up everything around us. But it was silent. The horses started kicking and making an awful fuss, and the dogs in the farm started barking.

"The kid froze in his tracks, and I grabbed him and pulled him toward the police car. I reached for my revolver and then thought better of it. Then Officer David Hunt arrived in another patrol car.

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"WE SAT THERE AND LOOKED at it for at least 10 minutes. My brain kept telling me that this doesn't happen—but it was, right in front of my eyes.

"There was no tail, no wings, and again, no SOUND. It hovered there, still about 100 feet away, sort of floated and wobbled. I don't know what it was. All I can say is that it was there, and three of us saw it together."

Newspaper people and town officials vouch for the reliability of the two policemen. Lt. Cottrell, their superior, said if he didn't believe the policemen he'd put them in a locked room "and give 'em blocks to play with."

"But the whole story is on the police blotter," said the lieutenant. "If I had seen that thing and I was all alone, nobody else would have ever heard about it."

No Case, Information Only
Source: Saucer News, Vol. 12, No. 4
Dec 65

Exeter., New Hampshire
3 Sep 65

CLOSE SIGHTING BY POLICE AND OTHERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE: Among several extraordinary saucer sightings in New Hampshire in early September, is one that occurred on the 3rd, witnessed by a man named Norman Muscarello from the town of Exeter. Muscarello arrived at midnight at the local police station with a hair-raising story of having been chased by a flying object as he was hitchhiking along a nearby highway. He told the desk officer that as he walked along the road, a large brilliant object at low altitude began making passes at an adjacent field. He crouched in a ditch while the UFO, which was so brilliantly red that its shape could not be determined, made closer passes as if searching for him. Shortly thereafter the object disappeared as quickly as it had appeared.

Patrolman Bertrand of the Exeter police station returned with Muscarello to the spot. In most such cases, the story concludes with the policeman having seen nothing to corroborate the original story. The ending of this case is quite different, however. Officer Bertrand suggested that they walk into the field where the UFO had last been seen. There they were joined by another police officer named David Hunt, who had driven separately to the scene. Suddenly, from behind a stand of trees in the black of the night, a huge blinding glow of light appeared. It traveled slowly and wavered slightly from side to side. The group was stunned by the blinding red light as the UFO moved toward them across the field. Bertrand made a move toward his service revolver, but then thought better of it. All three men then ran toward the police cruisers.

When questioned on the size of the object, Officer Bertrand estimated it to be "about the size of a house." He said that there was a complete absence of sound, except for the noise from a nearby farm, where the animals were panicked by the low-flying object and its weird red glow. The horses were making a tremendous commotion and kicking at the walls of their stalls, according to the witnesses.

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
3 Sep 1965

The sighting was made on the morning of 3 September 1965. Initial investigation was made by officers from Pease AFB, New Hampshire following wide spread publicity in the local newspapers from the New Hampshire area. Information received in the initial report regarding description of the object and newspaper coverage was not sufficient for a firm evaluation of the sighting. The general description of flashing lights is consistent with previous reports of aircraft, refueling operations or low level photographic missions using infra-red lights. On 28 September an investigation attempting to place a specific aircraft of these types over Exeter was made. Results of this investigation indicated that an 8th Air Force operation "Big Blast" was conducted in the New England area and B-47 aircraft from Pease AFB were also involved in the operation. Letters were written to Patrolmen Bertrand and Hunt and to the Hqs 8th Air Force at Westover AFB. (A reply ? from the 8th Air Force indicated that ten B-47 aircraft landed at Pease AFB between 0045 and 0135 local time.) The major portion of the sighting occurred subsequent to two a.m. Articles in the Saturday Review of Literature, January 1966 issue and the Look magazine, February 1966 issue, further stimulated public interest in this particlar sighting. After consultation with project consultant, Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, a telephone call was made to Lt. Brandt at Pease AFB requesting that the B-47 pilots be interrogated regarding unusual observations and also to determine if infra-red photography was being conducted in the area. A Twx received on 11 February 1966 indicated that no unusual sightings were made by crews during the time period of the unidentified flying object report. His statement regarding night photography is inconclusive.'

Both articles from the Saturday Review and Look Magazine are authored by John C. Fuller. The article is essentially factual, however, it is apparent that poetic license an a flair for the sensational has been incorporated into the articles. The only report, submitted to the Air Force for evaluation, is the observation made by the police officers and Muscarello. The other reports, contained in the Look article, have never been reporte to the Air Force. Analysis of the report indicates that it is possible for aircraft of a conventional type with rotating beacons or aircraft utilizing infra-red lights in photographic missions to have been the cause of this sighting. Since we have been unable at this time to identify a specific aircraft as the cause of the sighting, the case is regarded for statistical purposes as unidentified. There was no indication that the object presented any evidence whatsoever, of scientific or technical development beyond the present state-of-the-art. There is a total lack of evidence to indicate that the sighting could not have been caused by conventional aircraft.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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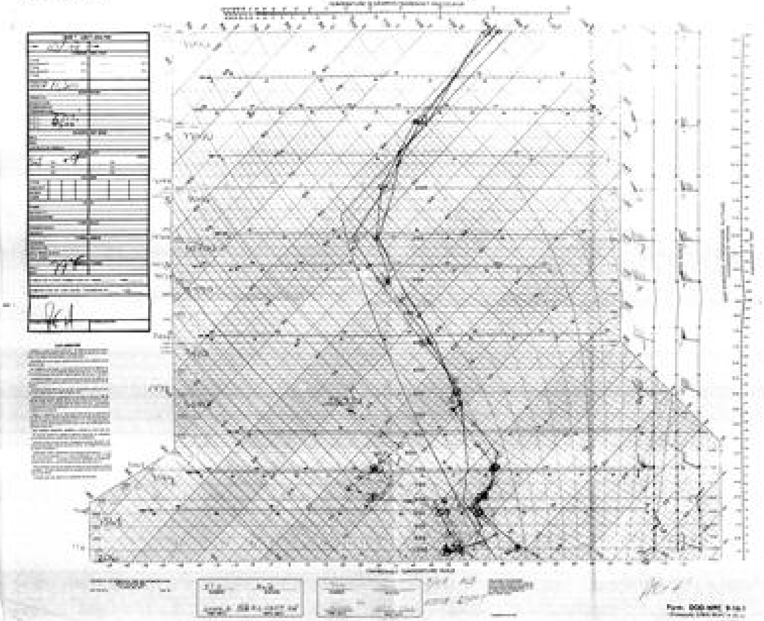

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 September 65 04/0500Z	2. LOCATION Damon, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION [redacted] UNIDENTIFIED.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS See Case File. Object at 5 deg elevation 240 deg azimuth. Disappearance by shooting up 90 degrees into the air. Purple color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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3 September 1965 at 2300

MOON	17.33.53	1st Q	235 az 10 elev
VENUS	13.03.37	- 3.5	Set
MARS	14.24.20	+ 1.3	Set
JUPITER	5.51.04	- 1.8	Not Up
SATURN	23.04.44	+ 0.8	140 az 50 elev

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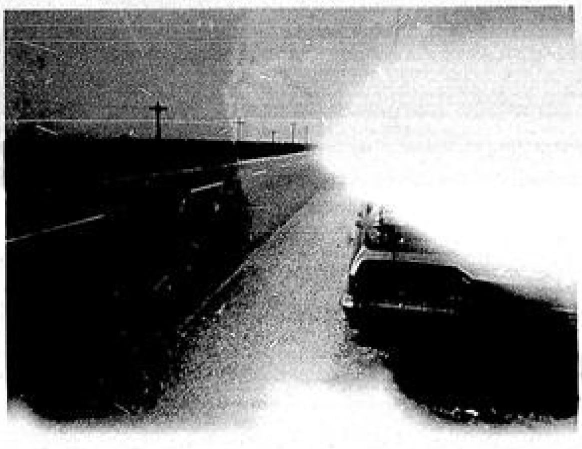
ANTARES has a stellar magnitude of + 1.2

DEP. SHERIFF
GOODE

CHIEF DEP. SHERIFF
McCOY



LOOKING NORTH (330°) ON HIWAY
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LOOKING SOUTH (150°) ON
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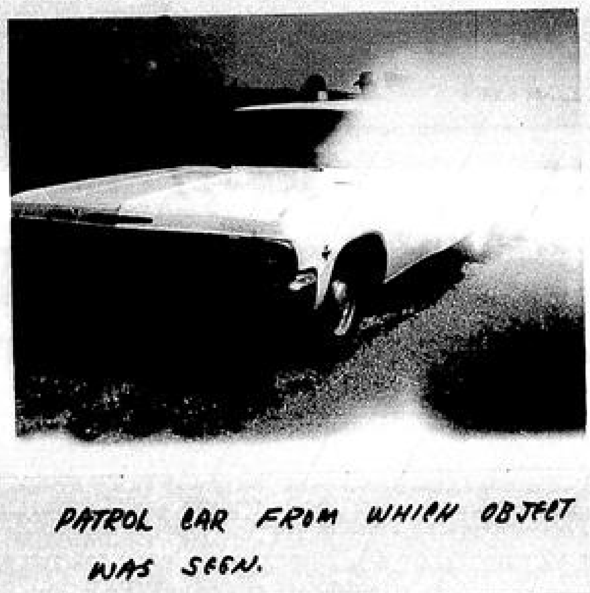
LOOKING TOWARDS PASTURE (240°)
WHERE OBJECT WAS SEEN.

McCoy LEACH GOODE



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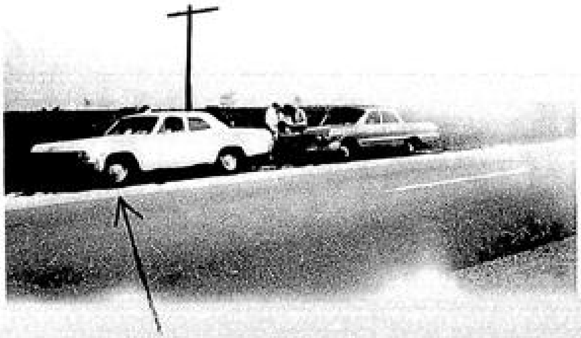

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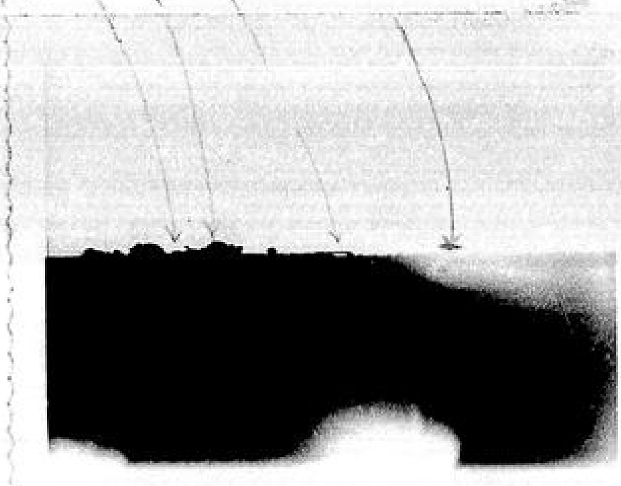

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FARM HOUSE
METAL ROOF BARN
FIRST SEEN AS LIGHTS ON HORIZON

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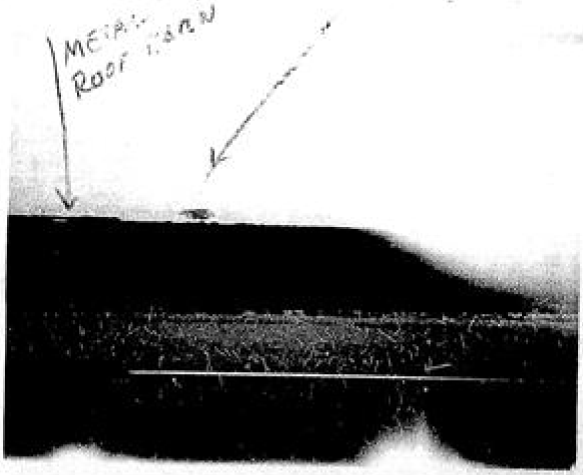
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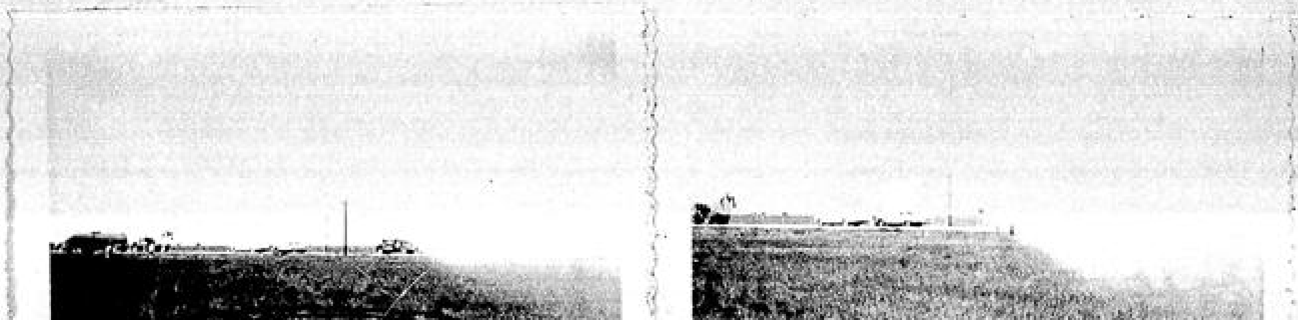

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - BRAZOSPORT FACTS - REPORTS

9/6/65 Ch. Deputy Billy E. McCoy, 38) 11:00 P. M. Friday - 2-3 miles
Deputy Bob Goode, 50) south of Damon on Hwy. 36.
Sighted object - 200' across and 50' thick.

9/9/65 Investigation of above by Maj. L. R. Leach, Jr. and assistant on 9/8/65 - Ellington Air Force Base team. Information to be forwarded to Wright - Patterson Air Force Base - Dayton, Ohio.

9/15/65 Jim Wilson & Earl Cadenhead - Oddly colored spots were seen against white clouds at noon on 9/14/65 in Freeport, Texas.

Mrs. J. C. McCutcheon and neighbors - 1725 W. 7th St. - Freeport, Texas - reported objects with a brilliant white glow early at night lately.

Patrolman James Spykes and Don and Shirley McKelvey - 119 Oleander Street - Lake Jackson, Texas - observed UFO for about 10 minutes around 11:00 P. M. It kept changing colors from red, white, green and yellow.

9/20/65 Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calhoun - Jones Creek and five other persons - Black Ferry Area of San Bernard River - UFO sighted about 8:00 - 8:30 P. M., Saturday, 9/18/65. Distant object - bright light changed color - erractic movement.

10/12/65 James D. MacLaren II, 16 - Rt. 1, Brazoria - with 4 school mates - Saturday night, 10/8/65 - at Stratton, near County line - crossing Cedar Lane Bridge - object was 1 - 2 miles away - flickering white and orange light - 500/1100' in air. They watched five minutes, drove toward it - when they started toward it, it began moving and sped away.

Mrs Hunt/Maj Freeman/sh/SAFOICC/72842

OCT 28 1965

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Thanks for your letter requesting information on unidentified flying objects; it is a change from the nature of our past dealings.

The investigation of unidentified flying objects reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force, and information on the project is my responsibility. You wrote to the right man!

The name of the UFO project is Blue Book, and I am enclosing a report on it for your information. You will note from the report that we have investigated these phenomena for 18 years and have checked over 9000 reports. The evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

Of the five incidents mentioned in your letter, only one was reported to the Air Force. (Individuals outside the Air Force may choose not to report to us.) This incident occurred in Dumas, Texas, on 3 September 1965. Our investigation office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, evaluated the report as distortion due to refraction of the star Antares. A temperature inversion in that area at the time of the sighting probably caused this.

The Air Force will continue to investigate all reports of unusual aerial phenomena over the United States. The evaluations and conclusions reached by the Air Force are released to the public through news media and to individuals upon request.

I hope this is satisfactory and am sorry that I can't shed any light on "sighting not reported to us.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM H. HUNTLEY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Project Blue Book Report

Mr. E. D. Griswold
The Dow Chemical Company
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THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

Midland Division
Midland, Michigan

October 14, 1965

Col. William H. Huntley, Jr.
U. S. Air Force
Community Relations Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Huntley:

Please let me use this means to advise you of our appreciation of the greatly diminished frequency of sonic booms in the Midland area. We have only experienced one or two since our correspondence with Secretary Zuckert. Your assistance in securing this relief has been greatly appreciated, and we sincerely hope that we will not have a reoccurrence of the repetitive sonic booming.

As a matter of interest to me, I became aware of the recent number of unidentified flying objects sighted in the Freeport, Texas area recently. Some five incidents were reported through the local paper, the Brazosport Facts, September 6, 9, 15 and 20, and October 12. A very brief resume of these articles is attached. You will note that an Ellington Air Force based team, Maj. L. R. Leach, Jr., and assistant, did, on September 8, 1965, investigate the first sighting.

My reason for relating all this to you, realizing that you probably are not the appropriate government contact, but being a contact with whom I am acquainted, is that following these area sightings, articles in TRUE Magazine in January, 1965, and October, 1965, were called to my attention. The first article, "U. S. Air Force Censorship of UFO Sightings", by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, U. S. MC, retired, and the second article in October, 1965, issue, "A New Look at Saucer Mysteries", by Jacques Vallee, both appear quite plausible and lead one to question the apparent minimization of the phenomena.

It would seem to me, I hope an unbiased individual who has not seen a UFO, that sympathetic publicity and solicitation of observation of UFO's might be very desirable.

I would appreciate a comment on this from you, if you are in a position to make such comment, or advise as to whom I might communicate my concern, aroused by these two articles, about the UFO sightings here in Freeport.

Again, let me express my appreciation for the assistance you afforded us.

Sincerely,

N. D. Griswold

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Enclosure

cc: J. Cope
Public Relations
Freeport

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILLY E. McCOY

Deputy Sheriff Goode and I were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 1965. When we were about two or three miles south of Damon, I saw a very bright purple light stationary on the horizon about 5-6 miles away and southwest of our position. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the purple light, poising momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about 5-10° above the horizon. They remained at a distance of 5-6 miles and we were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. We turned the car around and Deputy Sheriff Goode looked at the lights through binoculars. We decided to investigate further and headed back toward Damon to look for a back road to take us nearer the lights. After traveling about 3/4 of a mile on Highway 36, we slowed down, Goode had his window open (rolled down) and looked through the binoculars again and the lights appeared to still be in the same position. We slowed down to almost a stop off the edge of the highway and while watching the lights they started coming toward us at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200' wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass. Deputy Sheriff Goode was in the driver's seat with his left arm laying in the open window. Although he was wearing a long sleeved shirt and a coat, he later said that he felt the heat apparently emanating from the object. We immediately put the car in motion and headed toward Damon as fast as we could go. While traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, toward Damon, I continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds and then move off in the direction where we first saw it at a very high speed. There was no noise. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from us. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30° above the horizon.

When we got to Damon, we drove slowly through the town, discussed what we saw, and decided to go back to the area and see if the object was still there. We were both scared but still wanted to find out what it was. We decided to take the old Damon-West Columbia road which would put us closer to the area where we first saw it. However, we traveled the full length of this road until we turned off to go back on Highway 36 and we didn't see anything.

We headed back toward Damon on Highway 36 and when we got to the area where we first saw the bright lights we again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary the lights floated in the air at about 8-10°. We decided to leave the area because we figured that the object would start coming towards us again.

We returned to West Columbia and told the City Judge of West Columbia, Jim Scott, about what we saw. Jim and his family went over to the area and remained for about an hour and a half but they didn't see anything.

I returned to the area the following 3 nights at approximately the same time and have not seen anything like what we saw the first night. I have been unable to come up with any plausible explanation of our sitings. There are no ground lights in this area which would cause a reflection. I am positive that the object was not any type of aircraft that I know to exist and I have never seen anything like it before.

I have been a Brazoria County Deputy Sheriff for 11 years and now occupy the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff. I am 38 years old. Deputy Sheriff Goode has been with the department for 10 years and is 50 years old. Neither of us had anything to drink on the night we saw the lights and the object. We were working the football game at Sweeney on this night.

The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy E. McCoy
Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Goode
Box 579, Angleton, Texas

Statement taken by:

Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr.
2578 Air Base Squadron
Ellington AFB, Texas

8 Sept 65

DAMON, TEXAS

3 SEPTEMBER 1965

Two Deputy Sheriffs were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at approximately 2300 on Friday, 3 September 1965. About three miles south of Damon, a very bright purple light, that was stationary on the horizon about five to six miles away and southwest of their position was noted. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the original purple light, stopping momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about 5 - 10° above the horizon. The objects remained at a distance of five to six miles and the observers were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. The car was turned around and attempts were made to get closer to the lights. At one time binoculars were used to view object. After traveling about 3/4 of a mile down Highway 36, the observers slowed down, and again the lights were viewed through binoculars. The observers slowed down to almost a stop, off the edge of the highway, and while watching the lights, they started coming toward the witness at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway, about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. The object appeared to be approximately 200' wide and 40 - 50' thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise nor any kind of trail. The bright light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of the patrol car. One observer stated he felt heat that was apparently emanating from the object. As the observers headed back toward Damon, one observer continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds, and then move off in the direction where they first saw it at a very high speed. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from them. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25 - 30° above the horizon.

After leaving the scene the observers returned to the same area and again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary, the lights floated in the air at about 8 - 10°. Observers left the scene because they figured that the object would start moving towards them again.

COMMENTS

At the time of the sighting Antares, with a stellar magnitude of +1.2, was setting at 240 degrees azimuth. There was a surface radiation inversion during this period from the ground to 300 feet, and a very strong inversion between 8,000 and 10,500 feet. This inversion was strong enough to cause radar refraction. As Antares was setting this inversion between 8,000 and 10,500 feet could have caused a distortion of Antares.

Houston Air Traffic Control reported no IFR traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. They had no records of VFR traffic. Houston radar records indicated no UFO or unusual sightings during the period in question.

The fact that the object disappeared by shooting up 90 degrees into the air makes this case unidentified since such an abrupt change in position prevents an astronomical explanation.

NO CASE: Information Only
SOURCE: APRO Bulletin, Sep-Oct 65

3 Sep 65
Houston, Texas Area

UAO PURSUES POLICE

One of the best documented multiple-witness sightings gathered and investigated by APRO in the past 6 months is the following which contains complete details:

On Friday, 3 September 1965 at 11 p.m. Chief Deputy Sheriff B. E. McCoy and Deputy Sheriff Bob Goode of Angleton, Texas (south of Houston) were patroling the West Columbia area of Brazoria County, on the highway between W. Columbia and Damon.

McCoy spotted a brilliant purple glow at horizon level beyond vast pasture land and was unable to identify source. Officers heading south, Goode driving. McCoy on driver's right. Object to the west. Glow soon became discernible as bright light, round in appearance. Next, McCoy noted somewhat smaller, less powerful blue light seemingly "emerge" from purple light and move some distance to its right He later realized this effect resulted from object making 90 degree turn so that it "faced" them, and the blue light, which had been parallel with and "behind" the purple one, now became visible. Goode had maintained until this time that the lights were oil field lights and McCoy disagreed. McCoy then noticed that both lights had apparently risen simultaneously slightly above horizon level, and Goode then conceded that objects could not be oil field lights, so he swung the car around for a better view as they were now directly opposite the light, McCoy on the side next to pasture. Based on knowledge of terrain and upon further investigation in daylight, McCoy and Goode estimate the object at this point was 5 to 7 miles from the highway. Although our investigator occasionally used the word object in his report, there was nothing but two lights visible until this point.

McCoy feels certain that within the next three or four seconds, after the car was turned around, the object traversed the distance from its initial position to a spot approximately 150 feet from the highway, 100 feet above ground level and parallel to their car. This movement

(their car engine was running), no change in the lights and no visible trail. The purple light seemed more brilliant as it approached, the distance between the two lights appeared to be 200 feet (based on object's length in relation to telephone poles along the highway and their distance from each other). The height of the object appeared to be 40-50 feet. (See sketch). The width and depth from "front" to "back" was undeterminable. See sketch for shape. The color of the object between the two lights was gray, material indeterminable, and there were no markings, that is, no letters, numerals, signs, windows, portholes, doors, wheels, antennas or protrusions.

The "purple light" on the "left", was rectangular in shape (see sketch), 40 to 50 feet in height. McCoy emphasized this light appeared to be same height as that of object at center. McCoy saw this light as constantly pulsating purple of the brilliance of a welder's light, but purple instead of blue. To Goode this light appeared to be a mass of small flashing lights. Blue light on object's "right", was definitely less prominent in size and brilliance than purple light; McCoy recalled that it, too, seemed rectangular in shape when close up.

Goode's car window was down; his elbow was extending outside beyond the window ledge; he states he definitely felt heat from object at this point. Window on McCoy's side was up.

Both witnesses were astounded by UAO's extraordinary rapid approach to the vicinity of their car; by the realization that it was a truly solid object; by its huge size; and by the brilliance of the purple light. Goode admitted he panicked upon feeling the heat and drove from the scene as fast as patrol car would accelerate, reaching 110 miles per hour "in almost no time". The UFO produced no noticable ill effects on the men nor did it in any way affect the car or equipment. As they sped from the area, McCoy tried to continue his observation of the UAO, and as best as he could determine the object seemed to "snap back" to its original location, slightly above horizon level. McCoy used the expression "snap back" twice in his description.

Suddenly it shot straight up, the purple light becoming tremendously brilliant, and disappeared completely at what McCoy estimated was a 20 degree elevation above the horizon.

After driving for some time, and attempting to recover from their experience, McCoy insisted that they return to

Information Only
Source: Saucer News, Vol 13, #1, Mar 66

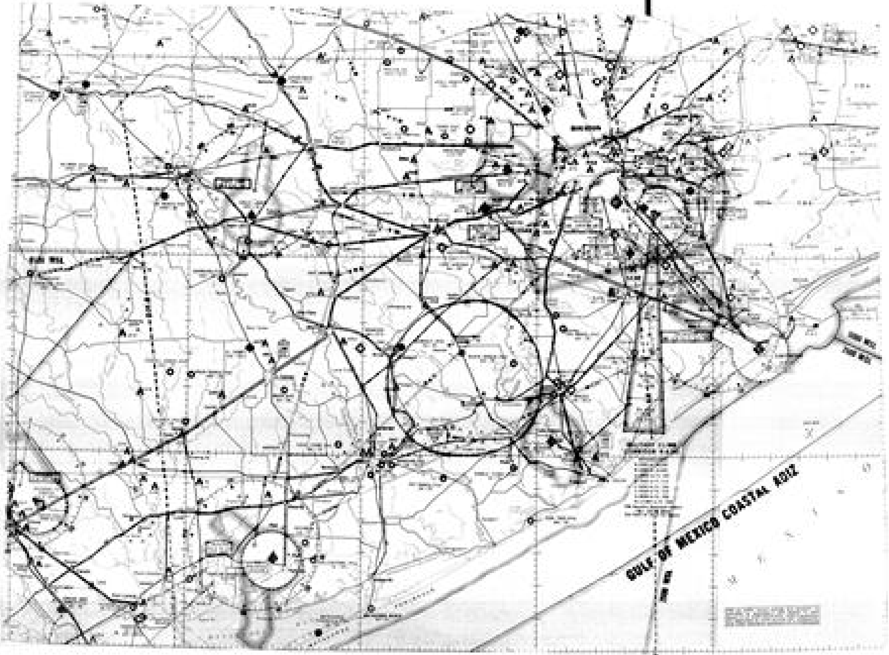
Damon, Texas
13 Sep 1965

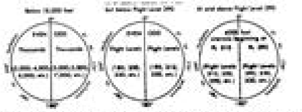
WEIRD UFO INCIDENT IN TEXAS: On the night of September 3rd, two police officers had a terrifying encounter with a UFO near Damon, Texas. The object, 200 feet long and 50 feet in diameter, approached so close to their patrol car, that its erie light was visible on the ground. The officers panicked and left the area at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Later that night they returned. The same or a similar UFO again swooped down on their car, and again they left the area rapidly. They did not come back for a third try.

The really unusual aspects of the case are the following: An open sore on one officer's arm was apparently healed by heat and light from the UFO. The policeman, named Bob Goode, had had his arm out the window of the patrol car during the sighting, and later found that an infected wound from an alligator bite had healed suddenly.

The second weird aspect was the fact that Goode was visited by two men shortly after the incident, who told him in detail about the sighting, and advised him that, should he have another such encounter, he should "try to co-operate with any being on board, and keep to himself any conversation he might have with such beings." The identity of these two mysterious men is apparently not known.

An on-the-spot Air Force investigation of the affair failed to solve anything. Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr., of nearby Ellington Air Force Base, concluded that "both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed persons capable of sound judgment and reasoning." (Brazo-Sport Facts, Freeport, Texas, 9/6/65-9/9/65.)





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PROHIBITED, RESTRICTED, WARNING, AND CAUTION AREAS ON SAN ANTONIO SECTIONAL CHART

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LIGHT SIGNAL PROCEDURES FOR AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL

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Color and Type of Signal	On the Ground	In Flight
STEADY GREEN	Cleared for takeoff	Cleared to land
FLASHING GREEN	Cleared to taxi	Return for landing (to be followed by steady green at proper time)
STEADY RED	Stop	Give way to other aircraft and continue circling
FLASHING RED	Taxi clear of landing area (runway) in use	Airport unsafe—do not land
FLASHING WHITE	Return to starting point on airport	
ALTERNATING RED & GREEN	General Warning Signal—Exercise Extreme Caution	

225-400 mc. Other frequencies in this band are assigned for various military purposes.

328.6-335.4 mc. ILS glide slope frequencies.

960-986 mc.; 1188-1215 mc. Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) frequencies. DME operating channels are paired with the associated VOR channel.

960-1215 mc. Tactical Air Navigation (TACAN) frequencies. VOR and TACAN facilities are coaxially collocated and the associated frequency channels of each are paired to form a VORTAC facility.

Use of Frequencies in Voice Communication

Voice communication is not available at all radio ranges and radiobeacons. Facilities without voice are indicated on sectional charts by a note "No voice" in the lower line of the box.

In any communications with FSS or tower, the frequency on which reply is expected should be specified in the initial call.

For L/M/HF communication, FAA control towers normally guard the high frequency 3023.5 kc. Reply from FSS will normally be made on the L/MF range or radiobeacon frequency. Reply from towers will normally be made on the low or medium tower frequency. Military facilities with voice are identified by the words "NAVY", "MARINE", or "AF" in the line with the name.

For VHF communication with private aircraft FSS generally guard 122.1 mc. and FAA towers generally guard 122.5 mc. Certain towers, indicated in tower boxes on charts, guard 122.4, 122.6, or 122.7 mc. instead of 122.5 mc. Reply from FSS to private aircraft will normally be made on the VOR voice channel unless 122.2 mc. is requested; or on 122.2 mc. if voice on range channel is not available; or on 121.5 mc. if the range voice channel is out of service. Reply from FAA towers to civil aircraft will normally be made on one of the assigned frequencies in the 118.0-121.4 mc., 123.6-128.8 mc. bands.

Military facilities (Navy or AF) where voice is available do not generally guard FSS frequencies or provide FSS en route services. Some of these stations, guard 3023.5 kc., and nearly all guard one or more of the tower (military) very high frequencies. The voice facility in many cases is located in the tower.

Space limitations prevent the listing of all frequencies on sectional charts. However, the flight information publications list all frequencies available at each tower, FSS, and ARTC center.

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13 REMARKS

14 PILOT'S NAME

15 PILOT'S ADDR

17 COLOR OF AIRCRAFT

18 FLIGHT WATCH

FAA Form 398 (7-64)
USE PREVIOUS EDITION

CLOSE FLIGHT I

Close flight plans with nearest FAA Flight Service S
gestion of radio channels. Failure to close or extend
of Federal Aviation Regulations and may result in ci

MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS

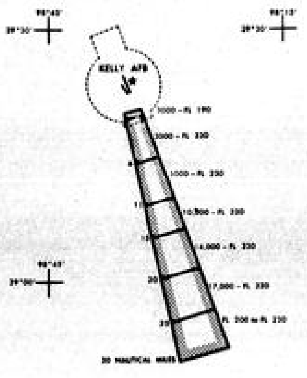
The military climb corridors depicted below have been designated as a restricted area. The lateral and vertical limits of these military climb corridors are illustrated. The relation of these corridors to the terrain and aeronautical facilities can be seen on the face of the chart where the lateral limits are also shown.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (KELLY AFB)
RESTRICTED AREA R-6311

HOUSTON, TEXAS (ELLINGTON AFB)
RESTRICTED AREA R-6310

LATERAL LIMITS OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS

R-6311



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Using Agency
Comdr., Kelly AFB, Texas

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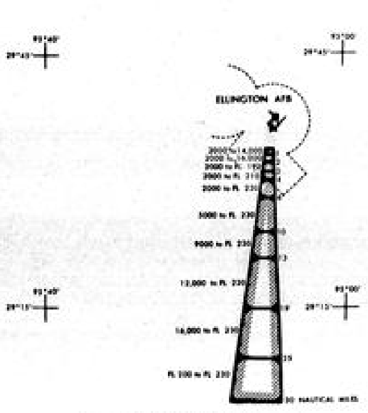

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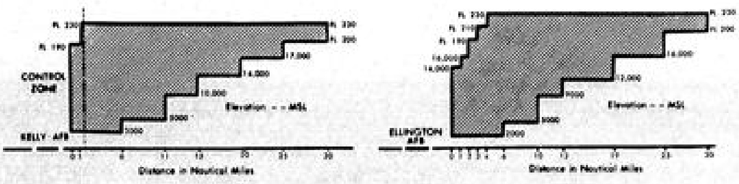
PROFILE SHOWING UPPER AND LOWER LEVEL OF MILITARY CLIMB CORRIDORS



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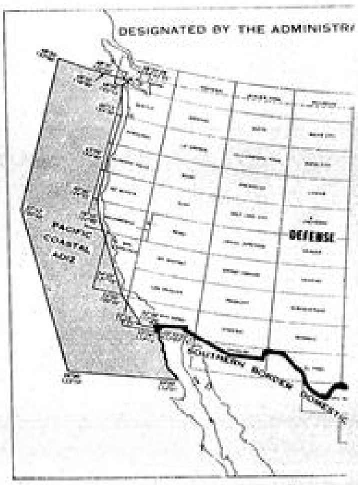

FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS-

Operational

	Southern Border Domestic ADIZ
Flight Plan.	Required for northbound aircraft.
Functioning Two-way Radio.	Required except as stated in § 99.1(c)
Suggested ADIZ Tolerances	Within 5 minutes of estimate and 10 nautical miles of course centerline.
Position Reports.	Normal IFR reports or - VFR give ETP at least 15 minutes before penetration.
Air Defense Emergencies § 99.7	ALL AUTHORIZED EXCEPTIONS MAY BE ISSUED DURING
Aircraft excepted from compliance to the provisions of Part 99 other than § 99.7	Local exemptions granted by FAA ARTCC
	Aircraft remaining within 10 nautical miles of departure point within the Continental U.S.
	Aircraft with T.A.S. less than 180 knots.
	Aircraft from U.S. southbound through Southern Border ADIZ not entering Coastal ADIZ.

NOTE: Detailed procedures to be
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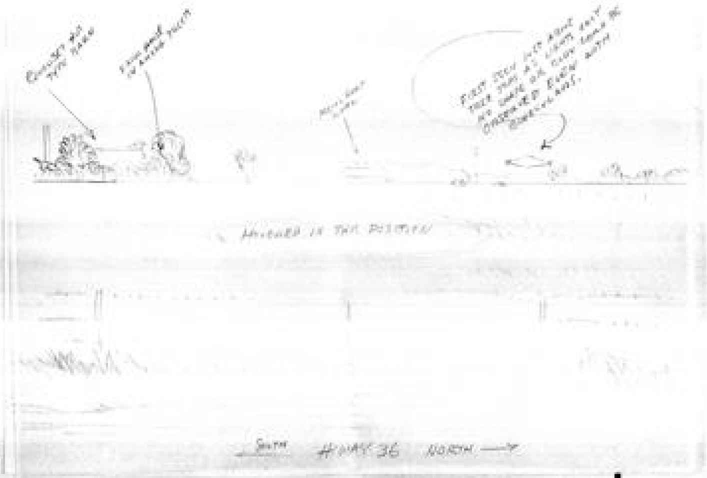
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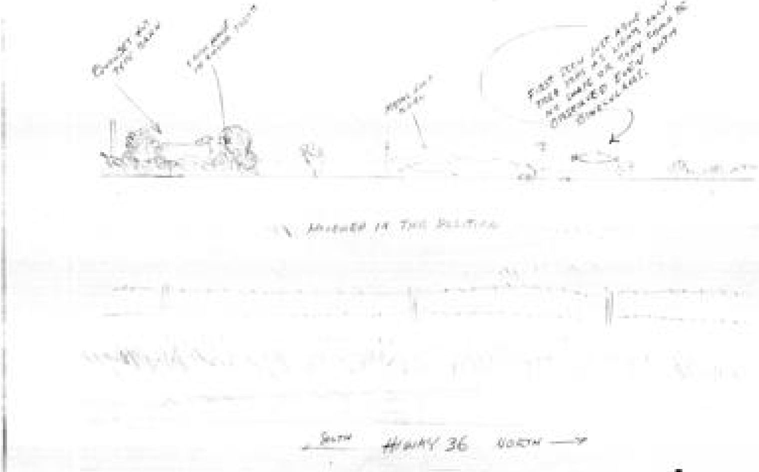
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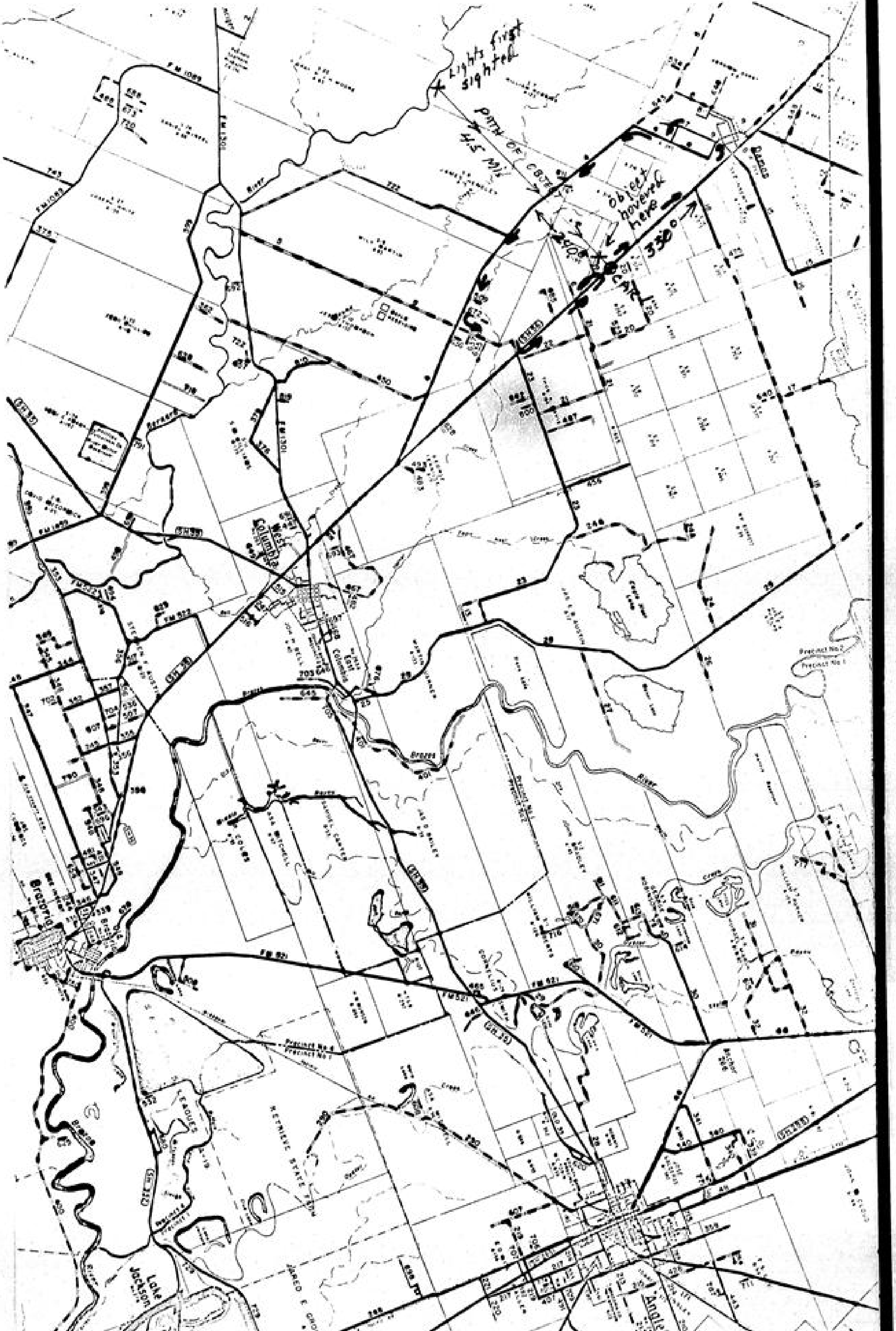
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Lake Jackson
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FM 521
Precinct No. 4
Precinct No. 1

Deputies Say UFO L[illegible] Out After Them

Chronicle News Services

Angleton—Before Friday night, if you had talked about flying saucers to Deputies Billy McCoy and Bob Goode, they would have looked at you like you had lost your last marble.

Today, these still-shaking deputies agree that you possibly did see a flying saucer. In fact, they hurriedly say "Me, too."

Friday night they were returning from a football game at Damon. It was a beautiful night. You could see for miles on the almost brushless prairie.

Suddenly they saw a strange object—they say—in a pasture alongside the road.

'Purple Light'

"It hovered in the air. It was eerie," they said. "It was shaped like a triangle—200 feet long and 40 or 50 feet high. It had a purple light on its left side and a blue one on its right side."

They said it hovered just above the ground. It made no noise.

The deputies tried to find a gate to let them in the pasture so they could examine the strange object.

"It's coming toward us," shouted McCoy.

"It sho' is," said Goode as they raced for their car and took off.

It was coming at them at terrific speed.

"We hit 90 miles an hour and it was gaining on us," said McCoy. "We increased our speed, but it kept gaining."

Say It Hovered

Then suddenly it stopped. But the deputies didn't. The "thing" hovered above the ground a few seconds.

The brilliant lights on the object illuminated a wide area.

Then it disappeared.

Deputies McCoy and Goode are family men. In their long years as peace officers, they say, they have been taught to remain calm, to inspect objects—animate and inanimate—with a careful eye. They have never believed people who said they saw flying saucers.

They are not flustered easily.

But they say they DID see this strange object and they don't want people to look at them like they have lost their marbles.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO)
INFORMATION SHEET

1. Answers to the following questions will be obtained from persons calling in regard to the observance of an unidentified flying object (UFO). If person refuses to give answers to 3a, do not complete report.

2. Complete Information Sheet in duplicate and forward to BDO.

3.a. Name McCoy, B.E. Office ph. TI-97504 Address 10 S/Kayaia, Angleton, Texas
Phone TI-95283 Res. Age 38 Occupation Chief Dep. Sheriff
b. Shape of Object Unk. c. Color Dark Grey
d. Size (compare to dime, quarter, baseball, basketball, or larger item)
Approx. 150 to 200 Ft. e. Number of Objects 1
f. Formation, if more than one
g. Unusual features of object Left side long blue light. Right side long purple light, pulsing.
h. Was there a tail, vapor trail, or exhaust? No i. Any Sound No
j. What called attention to the observer Bright lights.
k. What angle and elevation was the object on first observance 5 degree's
l. What angle and elevation was the object when disappeared 5 degree's
m. What was the flight path of object (to north or south, to east or west) and were there any maneuvers of the object West-East-West
No maneuvers.
n. How did the object disappear (instantly, to the north, no direction, etc.)
West, horizon, when object disappeared purple light shot 90° into the air.
o. How long was the object visible (5 min, 1 hour, etc.) 5-10 min.
p. How was the object observed (naked eye, radar, telescope, binoculars, etc.)
naked eye & binoculars.
q. Time and date of sighting Approx. 2300 hrs. 3 Sept. 65
r. Light conditions (night, day, dusk) night
s. Geographical position of object (North of Houston, South of Pasadena, directly overhead, etc.) S/W Houston
t. Weather (clear day, hazy, cloudy, broken clouds, etc.) clear
u. Temperatures of day (80°, 90°, etc) Unk.
v. OTHER INFORMATION not answered above Report taken 1200 hrs, 6 Sept 65.
Object was thicker in the middle than the outside where the lights were. The purple light was bright enough to light the inside of the patrol car up. Also

5. Thank caller for information, but do not promise that a return call will be made to confirm nor deny the observance of the object.

the driver of the patrol car could feel the heat of the light on his arm. 122

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
2578TH AIR BASE SQUADRON (CONAC)
ELLINGTON AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 77030

REPLY TO ATTN OF: BDO-A

10 Sep 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: Major Hector Quintanilla

1. Inclosed is my detailed investigation of the UFO sighting by Deputy Sheriffs McCoy and Goode of the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, Angleton, Texas. Investigation is in reference to report number 122 previously forwarded to your office with news clipping on the same subject. This completes my action on this matter unless additional information is requested.

2. Object that allegedly fell on the roof of Mrs. Mary Hataman, 621 East Jefferson St., West Columbia, Texas, was reported to be a pipe pressure relief valve by the West Columbia police department. Object was made of brass, which was corroded, and had the following words on it: "Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Stratos[illegible], 200 lbs. 3/4". No further action was taken on this matter.

FOR THE COMMANDER

LAURENCE R. LEACH, JR., Major, USAF
Assistant Director of Operations
Directorate of Operations

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Invest Officer's Rpt
of UFO Sighting #122
(Ellington AFB)

INVESTIGATION

RADIATION:

Radiation readings were taken with a PDR-27C radiac set to determine the existence of beta or gamma radiation. Readings were taken of the vehicle, clothing (left sleeve) of Deputy Sheriff Goode, and the pasture area next to Highway 36 where the object was reported to have hovered. No indication of the presence of radiation was found. However, it should be noted that there were two periods of rainfall between the time the object was sighted and the time the readings were taken.

AIR TRAFFIC:

It should be noted on the inclosed maps that the area of sighting is in the immediate vicinity of the Victor 20 airway. Although the officers emphatically denied that the object was an aircraft, and it is highly improbable that it could have been, I nevertheless checked with Houston Air Traffic Control Center. A review of their records indicated that there was no IFR traffic in the area at the time of the sighting. They had no records on any VFR traffic. Houston radar coverage extends into the area in question but not below 2000 feet. (The minimum altitude for Victor 20 is 2000 feet). Houston radar records indicated no UFO or unusual sightings during the period in question.

SIGHTING AREA:

The area where the object was sighted is a flat pasture area almost completely void of trees except a small growth around a farm house and a heavier growth running parallel to the river about five miles west of Highway 36. There are very few buildings/houses in the area. (See inclosed drawings and pictures).

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The Houston area was under the influence of a high pressure area causing cloudless skies and good visibility. The official surface weather conditions at Ellington Air Force Base (approx. 40 miles northeast of the area in question) at 2300 hours (CST) were: clear, eleven miles visibility, winds calm, altimeter setting 29.86, temperature 74 degrees, dew point 72 degrees. A surface radiation inversion was present during this period from the ground to 300 feet. A very strong substance inversion was present between 8000-10,500 feet. This inversion was strong enough to cause radar refractions. Upper air weather conditions have been omitted since they have no apparent bearing on this sighting.

CONCLUSIONS:

After talking with both officers involved in the sighting there is no doubt in my mind that they definitely saw some unusual object or phenomenon. However, my investigation failed to uncover any facts that permitted me, with my meager knowledge of such things, to arrive at any explanation for the unusual sighting. Both officers appeared to be intelligent, mature, level-headed, ~~and~~ persons capable of sound judgment and reasoning. Chief Deputy Sheriff McCoy holds a responsible position in the department requiring the supervision over 42 personnel. Both officers have been subjected to considerable friendly ridicule from their contemporaries and the local townspeople; but, have continued to profess the facts of their sighting. Furthermore, the sighting has stirred up considerable interest in the local newspapers, radio, and television causing them additional embarrassment and inconvenience.

LAURENCE R. LEACH, JR.
Major.   USAF
Asst. Director of Operations
2578th Air Base Sqd.
Ellington AFB, Tex.

STATEMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFF BILLY E. McCOY

Deputy Sheriff Goode and I were driving south on Highway 36 from Damon, Texas, toward West Columbia at about 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 1965. When we were about two or three miles south of Damon, I saw a very bright purple light stationary on the horizon about 5-6 miles away and southwest of our position. After a few seconds a smaller blue light appeared out of the larger purple light and traveled to the right of the purple light, poising momentarily in two distinct positions before becoming stationary. The lights then floated upwards to an angle about 5-10° above the horizon. They remained at a distance of 5-6 miles and we were unable to distinguish any other features other than the two bright lights. We turned the car around and Deputy Sheriff Goode looked at the lights through binoculars. We decided to investigate further and headed back toward Damon to look for a back road to take us nearer the lights. After traveling about 3/4 of a mile on Highway 36, we slowed down, Goode had his window open (rolled down) and looked through the binoculars again and the lights appeared to still be in the same position. We slowed down to almost a stop off the edge of the highway and while watching the lights they started coming toward us at a rapid speed. The object came up to the pasture next to the highway about 150 feet off the highway and about 100 feet high. The bulk of the object was plainly visible at this time and appeared to be triangular shaped with a bright purple light on the left end and the smaller, less bright, blue light on the right end. The bulk of the object appeared to be dark gray in color with no other distinguishing features. It appeared to be about 200' wide and 40-50 feet thick in the middle, tapering off toward both ends. There was no noise or any trail. The bright purple light illuminated the ground directly underneath it and the area in front of it, including the highway and the interior of our patrol car. The tall grass under the object did not appear to be disturbed. There was a bright moon out and it cast a shadow of the object on the ground immediately below it in the grass. Deputy Sheriff Goode was in the driver's seat with his left arm laying in the open window. Although he was wearing a long sleeved shirt and a coat, he later said that he felt the heat apparently emanating from the object. We immediately put the car in motion and headed toward Damon as fast as we could go. While traveling at speeds up to 110 mph, toward Damon, I continued to watch the object out of the back window of the car. It appeared to remain in the same position for approximately ten seconds and then move off in the direction where we first saw it at a very high speed. There was no noise. While it was in motion the smaller blue light on the right side disappeared entirely and the larger purple light became smaller but retained its brilliance apparently caused by its movement away from us. After arriving at approximately its original position, it went straight up in the air and disappeared at 25-30° above the horizon.

When we got to Damon, we drove slowly through the town, discussed what we saw, and decided to go back to the area and see if the object was still there. We were both scared but still wanted to find out what it was. We decided to take the old Damon-West Columbia road which would put us closer to the area where we first saw it. However, we traveled the full length of this road until we turned off to go back on Highway 36 and we didn't see anything.

We headed back toward Damon on Highway 36 and when we got to the area where we first saw the bright lights we again saw the bright purple light on the horizon and the smaller blue light again appeared out of the larger purple light. After the blue light moved exactly like it did the first time and became stationary the lights floated in the air at about 8-10°. We decided to leave the area because we figured that the object would start coming towards us again.

We returned to West Columbia and told the City Judge of West Columbia, Jim Scott, about what we saw. Jim and his family went over to the area and remained for about an hour and a half but they didn't see anything.

I returned to the area the following 3 nights at approximately the same time and have not seen anything like what we saw the first night. I have been unable to come up with any plausible explanation of our sitings. There are no ground lights in this area which would cause a reflection. I am positive that the object was not any type of aircraft that I know to exist and I have never seen anything like it before.

I have been a Brazoria County Deputy Sheriff for 11 years and now occupy the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff. I am 38 years old. Deputy Sheriff Goode has been with the department for 10 years and is 50 years old. Neither of us had anything to drink on the night we saw the lights and the object. We were working the football game at Sweeney on this night.

The area where we saw the object is in Goode's area of responsibility and we were on patrol duty. The night was clear and there were no clouds or haze. There were some spots of ground fog but not in the area where we saw the object.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Billy E. McCoy
Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Goode
Box 579, Angleton, Texas

Statement taken by:

Major Laurence R. Leach, Jr.
2578 Air Base Squadron
Ellington AFB, Texas

8 Sept 65

◀ **NEW ORLEANS**

HOUSTON ▶

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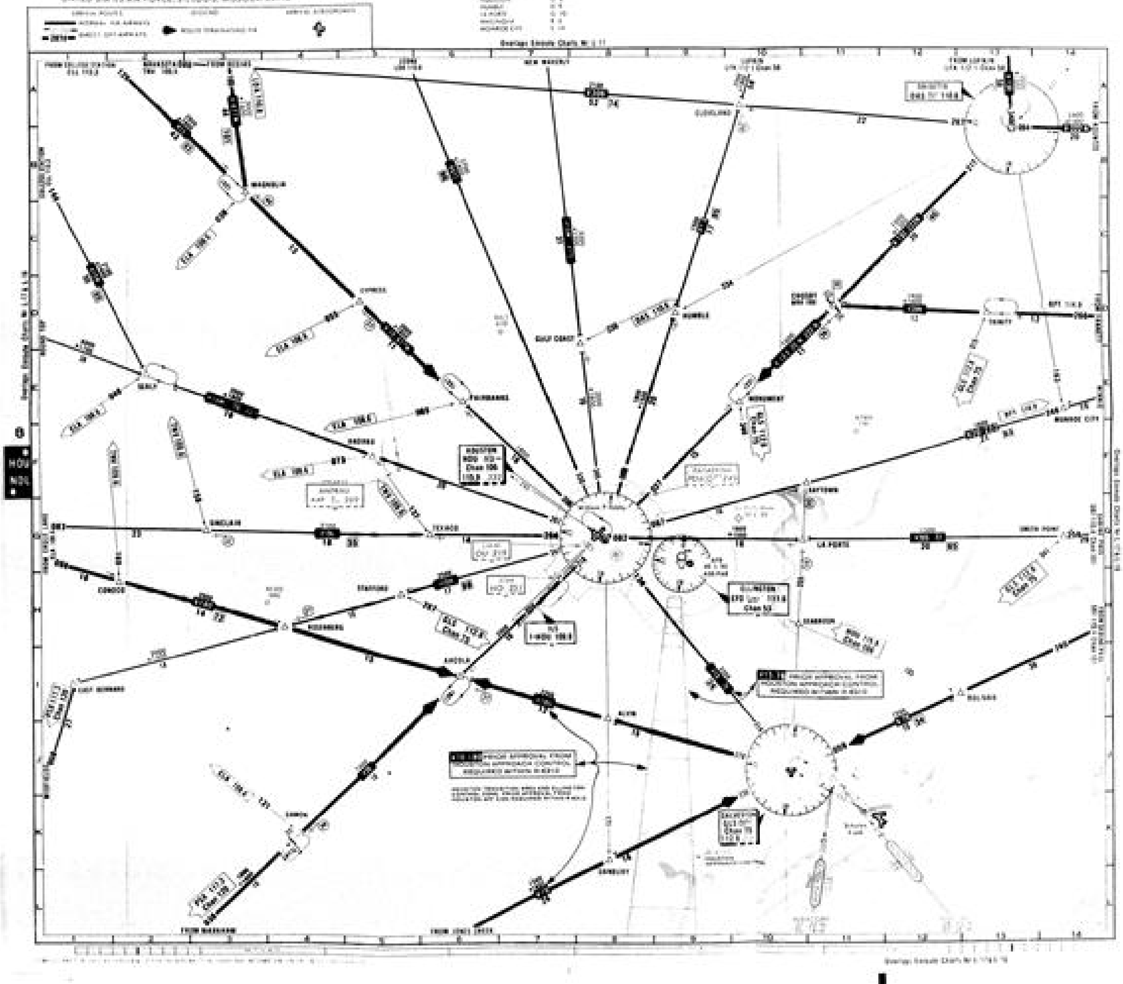

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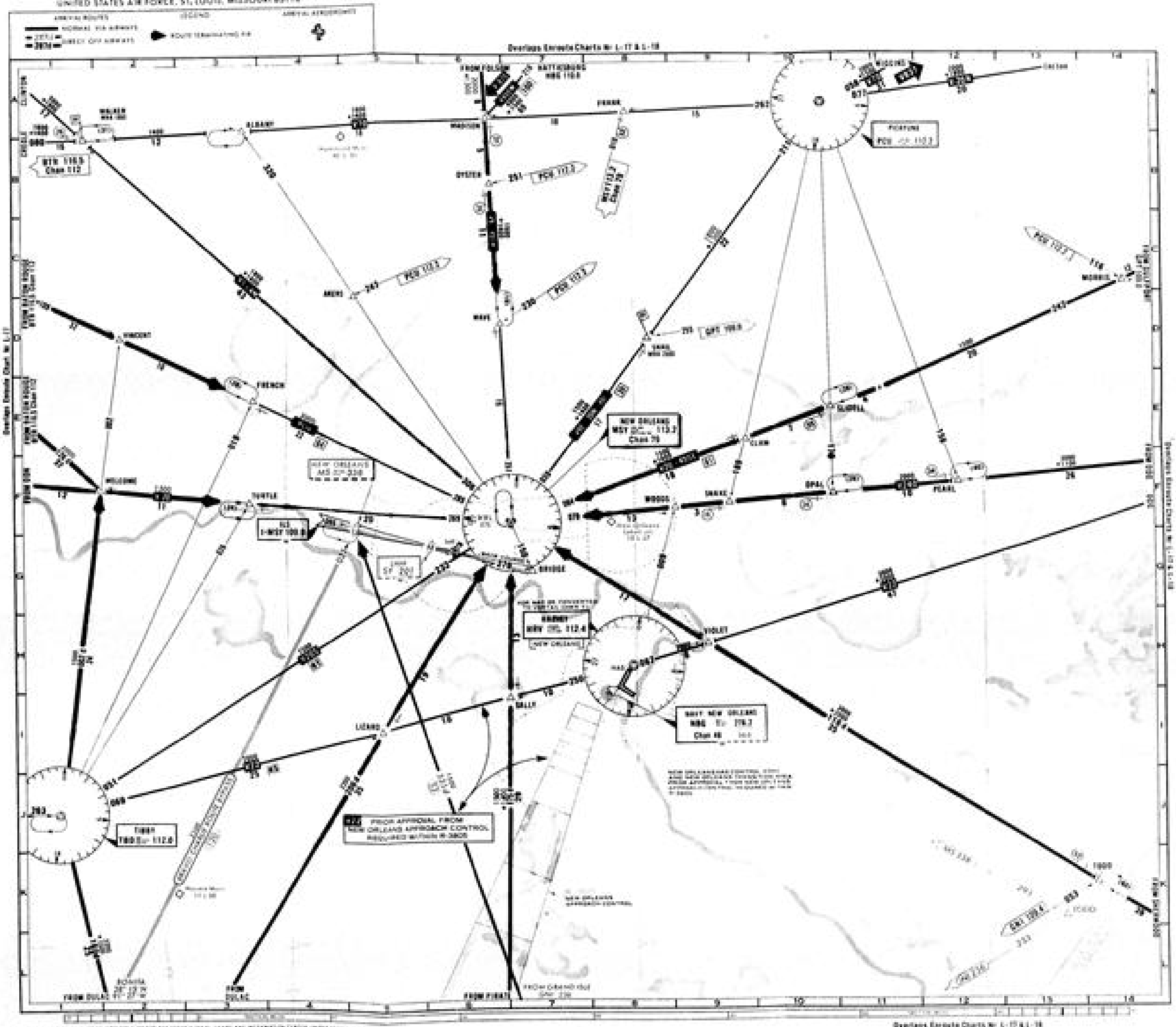
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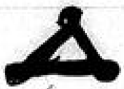
CLEAR NIGHT.
OBJ IN PASTURE



200 FT LONG
40-50' HIGH

HOVERED IN PASTURE
APPEARED TO COMBAT THEM
PURPLE LIGHT.
REPORT CAME IN McCOY.
BRIGHT ENOUGH ←

I think [illegible]

15 feet in diameter, maybe four to five feet thick. The edge was round and there was a hump or something in the middle. It had a dark spot on it and it might have been a window or something.

"The thing raised up a bit and slowly took off, toward the west, then it headed south."

Whether witnesses believe in UFOs or not, such experiences are bound to be alarming, and they have been reported increasingly in the U.S. and other countries.

Australian Encounter

During the first week of August, two residents of Nedlands, West Australia jumped from their car, fearing a UFO was about to hit it. It was close to 8 p.m., and Dr. Antonin Kukla, formerly a physician in Europe, and Mrs. Audrey Lawrence were driving near Carnarvon when a flying object dived toward their headlights.

Dr. Kukla hurriedly stopped and switched off the lights. As he and Mrs. Lawrence ran to the side of the road, the UFO stopped and hovered above the highway.

"It was rocking gently," Dr. Kukla said later. "And its orange color as it dived had changed to a fluorescent green glow."

The doctor's bull terrier, usually first out of the car when it stopped, was crouched in the back seat, hackles up. It refused to budge.

Dr. Kukla said the object was shaped like a "squashed football."

"I had the fear that whatever it was, it was not man-made," he reported, after the UFO had left the scene.

The sighting appeared partly confirmed by resident Ron Butler, owner of nearby Mooka Station. Butler said that his entire camp had been lit up by a greenish glow when "something" passed over it, though he could not be sure of the time.

These are only a few sample cases. There are enough more to cause a sober appraisal of the problem.

For years, serious investigators—individuals and groups, including NICAP—have said there is no proof of UFO hostility, that the evidence is strongly against it. We have said this despite a few head-on passes at planes, three or four near collisions with airliners, the loss of three AF officers in UFO chases, and other incidents. With all the thousands of harmless encounters or sightings, it seemed likely these relatively few accidents were the result of too-close observations or perhaps mechanical failures or mistakes in control.

The recent NICAP poll (still being analyzed) shows that 90% of our members are convinced that UFO landings would not frighten them. But specific incidents, like the cases already described, show that most people will be alarmed by sudden close encounters with UFOs.

Are officials justified, then, in withholding UFO facts, in trying to hide landing incidents, as in the Exeter case?

Most of us will agree that fear of the unknown is far worse than fear of the known—even if it is something frightening. The late Dr. Carl Jung, noted Swiss analyst and NICAP member, wrote the director that withholding information on UFOs from the public would be the most stupid policy one could devise, certain to increase fear rather than lessen it.

The indications are that close approaches and landings will keep on increasing. If a large number of UFOs should land at points around the country, or maneuver at low altitudes over a number of cities, the reaction could be serious. Millions of people, accustomed to thinking of UFOs as jokes, would abruptly realize they had been deceived. Many would probably suspect that something ominous had been hidden even if there was not the slightest sign of any hostility.

It is far better to get the truth out in the open and prepare people, as calmly as possible, for further landings and close observations, before some sudden development makes gradual and reasonable preparation impossible.

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Members' opinions and suggestions for solving this problem will be very much appreciated.

From an examination of recent fear reports, it appears that skeptics are the quickest to panic—people who have accepted official denials of UFOs' existence. One such case involved two Texas lawmen, both graduates of police schools—Chief Deputy B. E. McCoy and Patrol Deputy Robert Goode, of Angleton.

By coincidence, this incident occurred on Sept. 3, the same night as the Exeter scare. The following details are from the officers' signed report to NICAP and a signed copy of their statement to an AF investigator, Maj. Laurence R. Leach, Jr., 2578 Air Base Squadron, Ellington AFB, Texas.

After midnight, near Damon in Brazoria County, the two sheriffs sighted an enormous flying object from their patrol car. In the bright moonlight, they could see it was about 200 feet long, 40-50 feet thick at the center, tapering at both ends. It had a brilliant purple light at one end, a fainter blue one at the other.

Sheriff Goode turned the patrol car around, drove back three-fourths of a mile and stopped. As they were watching through binoculars, the strange craft came down to 100 feet, heading rapidly toward the lighted police car. In the moonlight, the UFO cast a huge shadow on the ground, and the officers could see it moving swiftly toward the highway.

Fifty Yards Away

As it neared them, the brilliant purple light illuminated the ground and the inside of the car. Sheriff Goode, leaning out the driver's side, suddenly felt heat from the approaching UFO. He hastily started the engine. By this time the huge flying object was barely 50 yards away.

With understandable panic, the sheriffs fled.

"We were traveling at speeds up to 110 miles an hour," McCoy told the AF.

When they reached Damon, the lawmen calmed down and decided to go back.

"We were both scared," McCoy frankly admits. "But we wanted to find out what it was."

But when they returned to the area, the UFO's lights began to shift just as they had before its swift approach. Again, the sheriffs raced away.

"We figured the object would start coming toward us again," McCoy said in his AF statement. In describing the UFO, he said the body appeared dark gray. There was no sound, nor any trail visible.

"I never saw anything like it before," McCoy concluded.

Both sheriffs admitted they had not believed in UFOs before.

"I've always been skeptical about these things," said McCoy. "I'm not a skeptic any more."

Truck drivers, like policemen, are not noted for being easily scared. But Don Tenopir, a Beatrice, Nebraska trucker, had moments of sheer terror on the night of August 4, when a flying disc buzzed him:

"I was en route to Lincoln, Nebraska, about 25 miles from Abilene, Kansas. It was near 1:30 a.m. when all of a sudden the lights on my truck went out. Then they came back on, then off, then on again.

"About then, this thing went over my truck with a sizzling or wind-like blowing sound. It scared hell out of me; it seemed to almost touch the cab.

"It just swooped down over the road and hovered there, not more than 100 feet in front of me. I tell you I was standing on those brakes. It looked like it was going to fall right in the middle of the road. When it stopped there was another car approaching from the opposite direction, and it went into the ditch. Later the other driver told me it looked like a car accident until he got closer.

"I don't know how long it was there. I was just too damned scared to tell time. The thing looked around to me. It was orange like the color of a traffic policeman's jacket, I guess it was about

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
20 September 65 21/0[illegible]17Z

2. LOCATION
St Petersburg, Florida

3. SOURCE
Civilian

10. CONCLUSION
A/C ✓

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

No data presented to indicate that this was NOT an A/C observation.

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
3 Minutes

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Object 5 to 10 times larger than star POLARIS. Witness stated that the object had definte configuration compared to a star. Blue-White color. Speed 2-3 times that of ECHO. Observed while shooting star POLARIS with Theodolite. Observed at 30 deg elevation. Manuvered and climbed to 35 deg elevation. Initial direction to East for 10 deg of arc turning North and climbing. Manuvered including a loop turn to East and climbed out sight. Witness made previous observation in same month. (Not regarded as a specific sighting). Considered as background material for this report.

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual (THEODOLITE)

7. COURSE
Manuvered

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

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20 Sept.

HEADQUARTERS
12TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOI 12

SUBJECT: Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following Unidentified Object Reports (UFO's) are submitted as directed by AFR 200-2, 20 July 1962, amended and in the format prescribed in par. 14 of the regulation.

Report Number One:

a. (1) The object appeared slightly elongated. It was described as being 10 arc-seconds in overall size, or 5 to 10 times larger than the star Polaris. (Mr. Elliot)
The object had a definite configuration in contrast to star. (Mr. Eldred)

(2) Match Head

(3) Blue-White

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) The object was traveling at a speed of 2 to 3 times the speed of the Echo Satellite.

(7) None

(8) N/A

(9) None

b. (1) The object was observed while preparing to shoot the star Polaris. The object was visually sighted by Mr. Eldred and Mr. Elliot then observed the object with an optical instrument.

(2) The object was 30° from the horizon and on a due North heading.

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(3) After the object was sighted it maneuvered and had a final heading of about 35° and climbed out of sight at an 40° angle of elevation.

(4) The object initially traveled on an Easterly heading for 10° of arc and made a 90° turn to the North. The object next slowed, executed a loop turn and took up a reciprical heading. Upon reaching the intersection of the original Easterly flight path, it turned Easterly at a heading of about 35° and climbed out of sight.

(5) The object faded out as it climbed at a 40° angle of elevation.

(6) 3 min.

c. (1) Ground-Visual

(2) A 45XX Theodolite was the observing instrument used by Mr. Elliot. The instrument is made by Kern and is Model # DKM3-AX.

(3) N/A

d. (1) 0317Z / 21 Sept.

(2) Night

e. (1) 82° 43' 22.5" W. and 27° 53' 34.0" N. geodetic position.

f. Mr. Elliot, Robert W.
46 years of age
2630 Bayside, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Senior Standards Technician @ Honeywell Corporation
Plant #9, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Elliot was an ex-Navigator and Navigation Instructor. He has been making astronomical shoots for eight years. Mr. Elliot is apparently well informed and gave a concise account of his observations. I would assume that he is a stable and reliable individual.

Mr. Eldred
56 years of age
13011 Bocaciega Ave.
Madiera Beach, Fla.
Senior Standards Lab Technician @ Honeywell Corporation
Plant #9, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Eldred has taken Solar Astronomy and Celestial Navigation courses. He has four years practical experience in Celestial Navigation with first order instruments. In addition, he has 250 hours of private flying time.

g. (1) Clear-high thin clouds with surface haze. Ceiling unlimited. Visibility 5-10 miles. No storms in the area. (Weather at Observation site.)

(2) Weather at 0155Z, @ MacDill AFB:

Altitude	Direction	Knots	Temperature
Surface	060°	12	
6000	100°	18	+14.0 C.
10,000	100°	22	8.3 C.
16,000	110°	17	-4.0 C.
20,000	120°	15	-12.5 C.
30,000	006°	16	-36.7 C.
50,000	020°	15	-69.3 C.

(3) Clear

(4) 10 NM visibility

(5) None

(6) None

(7) See question (g. 2)

h. (1) See attachment A. This attachment is an account given by a member of the University of South Florida, Physical Science staff of the observations that he made on the evening of 21 Sept 1965.

The University is located within a 50NM radius of the sighting. This information was not submitted initially, but sought as additional information to augment the report.

i. ________

j. Unknown

k. The two initial observers are apparently qualified. In the absence of any additional information, it seems that the observation was on astronomical sighting, or phenomena.

l. None

Report Number Two:

a. (1) Circular

(2) Head of pin held at arm's length.

(3) White

(4) 1

(5) N/A

(6) None

(7) None

(8) None

(9) None

b. (1) Star gazing

(2) Elevation 290°, azimuth 40°

(3) Elevation 30° , azimuth 60°

(4) Generally straight path appeared to slow down, and wobble; speed was not constant.

(5) Disappearance not seen

(6) Approximately 5 min. possibly more.

c. (1) None

(2) None naked eye

(3) N/A

d. (1) Just before 0200 Zulu time

(2) The brighter stars visible. Haze conditions: Big Dipper visible. Mercury vapor lights from campus area tended to shut out less-bright stars.

e. (1) University of South Florida

f. (1) F.F. Agens
60 years of age
Ph Rm 336
Lecturer- Physical Science
Reliability- good, not an expert on Satellite sighting.

(2) Captain F.F. Agens USN retired.

g. (1) "One of few decent observable nights during this time of year". Sept.

(2) Unknown

(3) Unknown

(4) Unknown

(5) Haze

(6) None

(7) Unknown

h. (1) None

i. (1) Unknown

j. (1) Unknown

k. (1) None

EDWARD J. SCHANK, Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
11 January 66 11/1200Z

2. LOCATION
26.58N 154.46E (Pacific)

3. SOURCE
Military

10. CONCLUSION
OTHER (SATELLITE DECAY) ✓

Cosmos 53, (984), 11 Jan 66, 1202Z, 18.7N 167.6E.

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
3 Minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual

7. COURSE
SE

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Object was described as being cigar shaped, glowing, with a bright light at its head, a glowing body with a duller light aft and a long fiery tail. Its flight path was described as coming from the horizon on the starberd beam. It approached to within 1 mile at a height of 400 feet then altered corse to a position off the starberd quarter where it appeared to hover for approximately 30 seconds then went to the port quarter and gradually disappeared. Ship was stering at 257 degress gyro, 258 degrees North.

(3 WITNESSES)

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25 MAR 1966

From: Commander U. S. Naval Defense Forces Eastern Pacific
To: Commander, ATIC, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

Subj: UFO Sighting

Encl: (1) Statements of Witnesses
(2) Drawings of Course and Description of UFO

1. The following report was received from the master of the SS MORGANTOWN VICTORY of the Pacific Far East Lines and is forwarded with enclosures for information.

> "At 111200Z (Jan 1966) posit 26-58N - 154-46E watch sighted 200 ft. cigar shaped silent UFO at 400 ft. height. Approached one mile starboard beam then hovered starboard quarter then to port quarter and away. Visible three min. Executed Williamson search for possible down plane one hour. Phenomenon inexplicable. Airmail witness report signed Master."

2. Comment: Master Glynn J. Petrie is a sincere, intelligent individual who has furnished reliable information in the past.

West
W. WEST
By direction

Satellite Decay
(984) Cosmos 53
11 Jan 66/1202Z
18.7 Deg N/167.6 Deg E

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES; UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OF JANUARY 11, 1966

S.S. MORGANTOWN VICTORY Voy. 6-83A-5

LATITUDE 26° 58' N TIME: GMT 1200

LONGITUDE 154° 46' E LCT 2200

Statement of Claunch, Robert J., A.B. :

"At a little before 2200 January 11, 1965, I was bow lookout in clear fine weather. I sighted a large glowing object coming from the horizon on the stbd beam. It approached to within one mile at a height of about 400 feet. It then altered course to a position off the stbd quarter where it hovered for about 30 seconds then went to the port quarter and gradually disappeared. It appeared to be cigar shaped with a bright light at its head, a glowing body witha duller light aft and a fiery tail. It was silent and I saw it for about 3 minutes in all. I first thought it was a plane in trouble and looked for running lights but saw none. It did not flare or light up the surroundings. The lights were steady. This definately was not a meteor.
I am an Able Seaman and have been at sea for 25 years and have never seen anything like it."

Robt J Claunch
Robert J. Claunch, A.B.

Statement of Anderson, Richard M., Third Mate :

"Lookout phoned from the bow to bridge reporting a flying object low on stbd side. I glanced out stbd fwd and did not notice anything. Lookout called again and said it was on the port quarter. I glanced out and saw an orange glow like fire trailing behind a flying object streaming out behind, for what appeared to be, about 15 or 20 feet. Same disappeared in about a minute heading in an easterly direction approximately 3 or 4 degrees above the horizon. Pointed out object to helmsman and phoned Captain Petrie notifying him of same.
I hold a Second Mate license and have been to sea for 37 years."

Richard M. Anderson
Richard M. Anderson, Third Mate

Statement of Facha, John F., A.B. :

"At a little before 2200 January 11, 1966, I was at the wheel steering 257 gyro. When the lookout reported a flying object, I looked out and sawwhat appeared to be a plane on fire on the port quarter. I watched it for over a minute when it showed a bright flash and wnet out. The ship was steering well and making steady course. I have never seen the likes of this before. I am an Able Seaman with 17 years sea experience."

John F. Facha
John F. Facha, A.B.

THE ABOVE REPORT OF THE WITNESSES STATEMENT WAS TAKEN AT 2300 HOURS 1/11/66.

STATEMENT OF GLYNN J. PETRIE, MASTER :

"Just prior to 2200 ship time, January 11, 1966, I was in my bunk when I heard a hurried clatter of feet on the bridge grating over my head. After, the phone rang and Mr. Anderson, Third Mate, reported what appeared to be a plane afire on the port quarter.

I ran to the bridge, but could see nothing. The information given me indicated a plane in trouble had headed for the ship and ditched on the port quarter.

At 2201, the vessel started to execute a Williamson Turn. The bow lookout was doubled and a search was made utilizing the vessel's search light.

During the search, I realized that I had heard no sound, such as a plane would have made. I questioned Claunch, A.B. on bow lookout and learned that the object had maneuvered approximately 180° about the vessel without sound.

At 2238, vessel executed another Williamson Turn and resumed her origional course and continued search.

At 2300, I took statements from each of the witnesses, Mr. Anderson, Third Mate on watch, R. Claunch, A.B. and bow lookout, and J. Facha, A.B. and helmsman who had left the wheel to sight the object. The statements were taken individually and I did not seek to make them agree.

The weather was clear: wind SSW /5k, Barometer 30.16, Temperature 19 dry 15 Centigrade, sea moderate, and fine with excellent visibility, almost full moon astern with the vessel steering 257 gyro and 258 true.

This is a fine steering vessel, a fact important in considering the possibility of poor steering and yawing which, had such been the case, might have accounted for the apparent maneuvering from the stbd to the port quarter.

There were two (20 phone calls from the bow. First when object was on stbd quarter. The Third Mate ran to stbd wing and looked forward, seeing nothing. Another phone call from the bow was to have the bridge look on the port quarter. The Third Mate and Facha looked and saw the object. This gives a rather prolonged time element during which the object was visible."

G. Petrie
Glynn J. Petrie, Master

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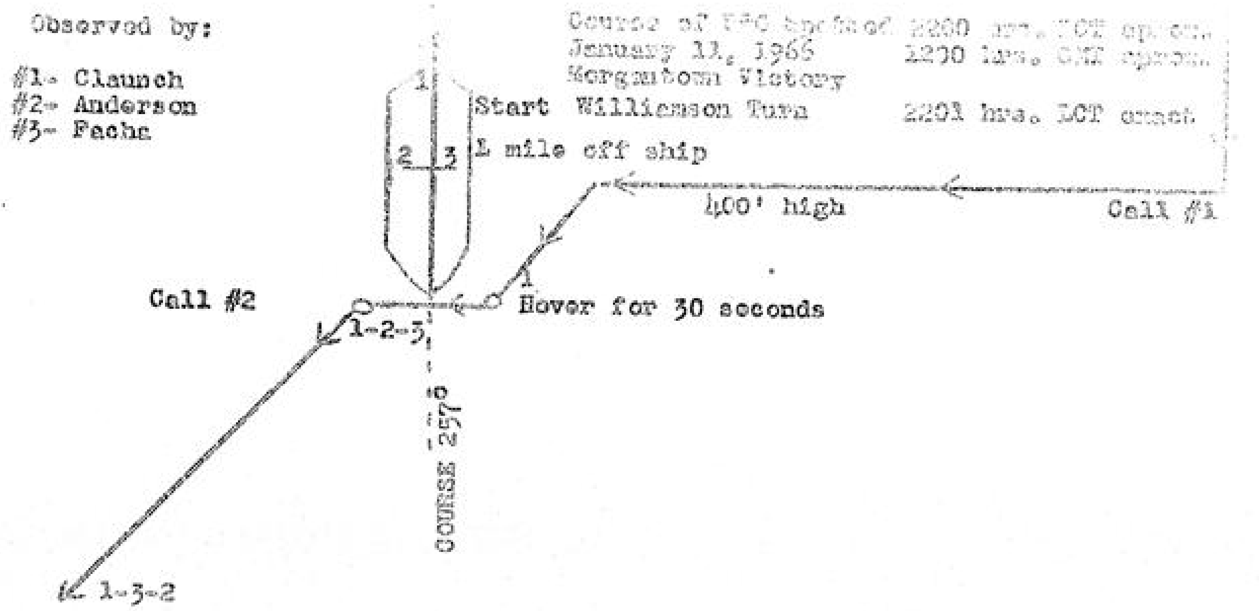
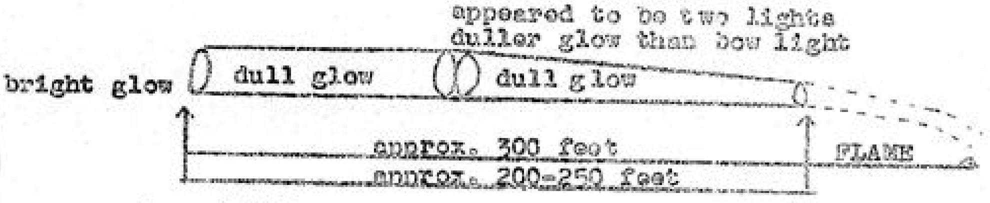

Observed by:
#1- Claunch
#2- Anderson
#3- Fachs
Course of UFO Sighted 2200 hrs. LCT approx.
January 11, 1966 2200 hrs. GMT approx.
Morgantown Victory
Start Williamson Turn 2201 hrs. LCT exact
1 mile off ship
1
2
3
400' high
Call #1
Call #2
Hover for 30 seconds
1-2-3
1-3-2
COURSE 257°

Description of UFO


appeared to be two lights
duller glow than bow light
bright glow
dull glow
dull glow
approx. 300 feet
approx. 200-250 feet
FLAME

color of UFO - appeared orange-yellow glow with a whiter tint aft of the two lights.

Flame - appeared to be red-orange with direction of flame dipping downward.

Height - approximately 35-40 feet.

"The above drawings are accurate to show the course and description of what was seen on January 11, 1966."

Robert J. Claunch

Robert J. Claunch, A.B.

ENCL (2)

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PRIORITY

[illegible] SIGHTED FOR THREE MINUTES [illegible]
[illegible] DOMED AIRCRAFT [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]-FOOT CIGAR [illegible] D

[illegible] ANDERSON + [illegible]

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Mid March 66	[illegible] OCATION SOUTHERN MICHIGAN
3. SOURCE Multiple-Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Other(MARSH GAS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE Multiple Witnesses
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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Air Force Statement Regarding the UFO Sightings at Dexter, Michigan, on March 20, 1966, and Hillsdale, Michigan, on March 21, 1966

The investigation of these two sightings was conducted by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific consultant to Project Blue Book; personnel from Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan; and personnel from the Project Blue Book office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In addition to these two specific cases, there has been a flood of reports from this area both before and after March 20 and 21. The investigating personnel have not had the time to investigate all of these. It has been determined, however, that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College, certain young men have played pranks with flares. It has also been determined that the photographs released yesterday through the press was taken on March 17 just before sunrise near Milan, Michigan, and have nothing to do with the cases in question. The photograph clearly shows trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus.

The majority of observers in both the Dexter and Hillsdale cases have reported only silent glowing lights near the ground - red, yellow, and blue-green. They have not described an object. The only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards - better than a quarter of a mile away - a distance which does not allow details to be determined.

Witnesses have described glowing lights - lights that seem to move but never far from a definite place or lights which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. The locale in both cases was a swamp. In both cases, the location of the glow was pinpointed - in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and the distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomena. The swampy location is most significant.

A swamp is a place of rotting vegetation and decomposition. Swamps are not a province of astronomers. Yet, the famous Dutch astronomer, Minnaert, in his book, Light and Colour in the Open Air, describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights resemble tiny flames sometimes seen right on the ground and sometimes rising and floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors are sometimes yellow, sometimes red, and sometimes blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a stretch and sometimes for a whole night. Generally, there is no smell and no sound except for the popping sound of little explosions such as when a gas burner ignites.

The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped during the winter by ice. When the spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity. The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence, and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and could well be the subject of further investigation.

The glowing lights over the swamps near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two or three hours, and they were red, green, and yellow. They appeared to move sideways and to rise a short distance. No sound was heard except a popping sound.

It seems entirely likely that as the present spring thaw came, the trapped gases, CH_4, H_2S, and PH_3, resulting from decomposition of organic material, were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, Phosphine PH_3 usually bursts into flame apparently because it is ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impure P_2H_4. The will-of-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3 which might be formed by reduction of naturally occuring phosporus compound."

It has been pointed out to the investigating personnel by other scientists in this area that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of PH_3.

The association of the sightings with swamps in this particular instance is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamp. The glow was localized, and Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp as visible through the trees. He stated that the light brightened and dimmed mush as stage lights do - smoothly and slowly - and this description exactly fits the Hillsdale sighting also. The brightening and dimming could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the lights when people got close with flighlights or car lights would indicate that the glow seemed bright to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark and there was no moon. The Hillsdale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the swamp lights.

It appears very likely that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter (an unusually mild one in that area) and the particular weather conditions of that night - it was clear and there was little wind at either location - were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.

TSgt David N Moody
Trip Report - A3C William Elmer, Michigan Area

23 March 1966

Checked out of FTD at 1916 hours, arrived at Ypsilanti approximately 2330 hours, spent night at Mayflower Motel, Ypsilanti.

24 March 1966

Departed Mayflower 0830 hours. Arrived at Willow Run Airport 0900 and talked with Mr. Caringi and Mr. Waslh at the University of Michigan Infra-Red Photograpic Labratory. (Hanger of the Operations Section). They informed us that they had not been flying missions at night for the last two months. Mr. Walsh informed us that Conductran Corporation might be doing work of this type. Sgt Moody called Mr. Silvester of Conductran Corp. They rent a plane and Mr. Silvester checked out the purchasing records and found that there was no activity on the nights of the 20,21,22 March 1966. They were in fact not doing any work at night. One of the employees at Willow Run said he had heard on the radio about a sighting in Flint, Michigan, last night, Wednesday, 23 March 1966.

Departed Willow Run 0935 hours for the County Court House in Ann Arbor. Arrived at the County Court House at 1000 hours. There we got a map of the county and found the location of the Sheriff's office and the Ann Arbor Newspaper Office. Since the Sheriff's office was only a block away we walked over there first. Arrived at the Sheriff's office where Sgt Moody called into the office to find out if Dr. Hynek had called. He had and we were informed that he would meet us at the Lamp Post Motel in Ann Arbor at 1:00 pm. Also, we got a copy of a cartoon that someone (unknown) had sketched and put together to look like it had came from a newspaper. It was a copy and it was learned that it didn't appear in the newspapers. We spoke briefly with Deputy Sheriff McFadden who had witnessed the sighting Sunday night. He said the object was sighted from about 8:30 to 12:05 pm Sunday night, 20 March 1966. He first saw the object due north at point A on the county map. He thought it was a radio tower beacon which was north of that point. He then proceeded to points B, C, and D and discovered that the object was not the beacon. At Point D the light was observed in the south. He said the light was about 3/4 mile away. Compared it to the size of the back end of a truck and about as bright as a radio tower light. We didn't probe too deeply into his sighting since Dr Hynek had already interviewed him.

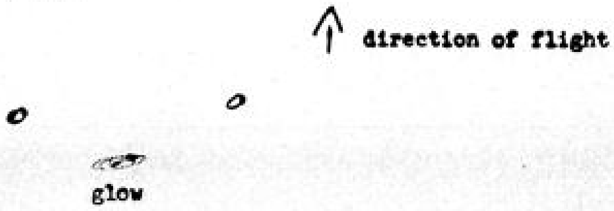
Departed Sheriff's Office 10:28 hours for newspaper office (Ann Arbor News). Arrived 1030 hours. Got newspaper dated Mon, Tues, and Wed, 20,21,22 March 1966.

Departed Newspaper office 1100 hours for Young Field (small private airport) from there we phoned the owner (Dr Metty, phone 668-7331, 216 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan)

He said there may have been somebody up at night from there but no records were kept. Sgt Moody asked him if he would post a note asking if any pilots had observed anything unusual from the air and if they had, to forward the information to W-P AFB and he said he would.

Departed Young Field 1135 for Ann Arbor Airport (State Street) Contacted a Mr. Irv ~~Glen~~ Gloss who said that they have a lot of night activity but he heard of no one who had seen anything. In fact, he himself was up Sunday night and saw nothing unusual. Mr. Gloss said they had an electrical advertising sign but haven't used it for last two months. No night photo missions. Then contacted [illegible] Bob McCannel at the Municipal Airport Building. Results there was also negative. No reports and not much activity at night. No helicopters. Departed 1215 for Lamp Post Motel to meet Dr. Hynek, arrived at the motel at 1240. He did not show. We were informed to meet him at the Chelsea Police Office at 1500.

Left Ann Arbor for Chelsea at 1400 arrived at Chelsea at 1450. Talked with two Chelsea Policemen who were reported seeing a UFO Sunday night. Their names are Clyde Meyers, and Charles Sharpe. They did not know how they got into this they knew they saw an a/c and still think thats what it was. They saw 3 lights, one red, one green and an orange-yellow glow between the other two and a little to the back. Time - 1130 - 1145 pm.



They described the object and its flight and it was agreed that this was an aircraft. (possible a jet w/afterburner?) Dr Hynek arrived at 1615 and he also agreed that there was nothing to indicate that it wasn't an a/c.

It was generally agreed that the glowing object seen in the swamp by the farmer and his son, and the Ann Arbor policemen was marsh gas.

Later that evening we received a telephone call from the airmen assisting Dr. Hyenk. They said a UFO was sighted near Ann Arbor and they would pick us up to go out there. Evidently they got their wires crossed as they left without us and we didn't know where the sighting was. We tried to get ahold of Dr. Hynek but couldn't so we went to the Sheriff's office. Shortly after we got there Dr. Hynek returned. He said that he had seen nothing unusual. Fitzpatrick was back and he had the photos that he had taken on 17 March 1966. It was a time exposure of the crescent moon and Venus. It was taken early in the morning. When the crescent moon was low on the eastern horizon and rising and Venus was a little to the left and slightly higher than the moon.

25 March 1966

Left Ann Arbor area 1100 for W-P AFB and arrived at W-P AFB at 1600.

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Comp. No. 01058

WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Comp. Name Bob Wagner

Nature of Comp. UFO

Address Dexter Body Shop

Dexter Mich.

Location Between McGinnis Rd. & N. Terr.

Date Received 3-20-66 Time 8:30 P

Phone No.: Res. _____ Bus. _____

Date Occurred 3-20-66 Time 8:30 P

Telephone XXXXX Radio _____ Letter _____ in Per _____ Received by Dep. Kelly

Officers Assigned Dep. McFadden & Fitzpatrick and Car #34

Time Assigned 8:35 Pm

Details of Comp. Comp. called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the endof McGinnis Rd. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500' and came down making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to theabove location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an un-identified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximently (½) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximently 500 Feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to a yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

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OVER: DGF

INVEST: CON'T:

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DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT; Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be Quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluishgreen light, and intensifing to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horisontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNER, OF 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB: Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNER, of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, Dob: Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a simular object over the Village of Chelsea, Hovering, and then departing at high rate of spped in a Westerly Direction.

A further sighting of Simular Bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, North Side of N. Territorial Road, between Scully Rd., and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenaw, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer, lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further Search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS:
OPEN:

Respectfully Submitted,
Dep. Fitzpatrick/McFadden

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

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ACTION: NIN-7

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UFO REPORT IAW PARA 14 AFR 200-2

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

1. LIKE TWO SOUP BOWLS PLACED ONE ON TOP OF OTHER (shape)

. CAR OR SMALL BUNGALOW (size compared to known

3. BROWN

4. FOUR

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5. N-A

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6. RED LIGHT ON ONE SIDE, GREEN ON THE OTHER WITH WHITE GLOW IN CENTER. TWO OBJECTS LIKE ANTENNA POINTING DOWN.

7. N-A

8. LIKE A RICOCHETING BULLET

9. NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS

1. NOISE AND LIGHTS

2. WESTERLY CLOSE TO GROUND

3. SAME

4. ONE APPEARED TO BE IN TROUBLE, GOING UP AND DOWN WHILE THE OTHERS STAYED OVERHEAD. AT ONE POINT IT DIPPED SO CLOSE TO THE GROUND IT APPEARED TO HAVE TOUCHED OR LANDED.

5. DISAPPEARED QUICKLY TO THE WEST

6. THREE HOURS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. 1. GROUND-VISUAL 2. BINOCULARS

3. N-A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 21-0130Z TO 21-0330Z MAR

2. DUSK TO NIGHT

LOCATION OF OBSERVER CLN 8 MILES NW OF ANN ARBOR OUTSIDE OF SMALL

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TOWN OF DEXTER 8356W 4219N.

OBSERVER:

1. FRANK MANNOR, 10600 MC GINNIS. RD, DEXTER, MICH. AGE 47, FARMER. APPEARS RELIABLE, HAS HUNTED FREQUENTLY IN THIS AREA AND STATES POSITIVELY THE LIGHTS WERE NOT FIRES CAUSED BY NATURAL GAS IN THE SWAMP OR MARSHLAND.

WEATHER AND WINDS

1. CLEAR
2. WINDS CLN

SURFACE 210-15 (ceiling)
6M 310-25 (visibility)
10M 320-35 (Amt of cloud cover)
16M 310-60 (Thunderstorms in area)

20M 310-45

30M 310-65

50M 300-35

80M N-A

3. CIRIFORM CEILING 5-10 BECOMING 9-10

4. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

5. LESS THAN .5 TO .9

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6. NONE

7. SURFACE PLUS .5.5 DEG C

6M MINUS 1 DEG C

10M MINUS 3 DEG C

16M MINUS 16.5 DEG C

20M MINUS 27 DEG C

30M MINUS 47.5 DEG C

50M MINUS 57.5 DEG C

80M N-A

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
INCOMING MESSAGE

K. MAJ F. L. BROKAW, BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER. SELFRIDGE AFB MICH. THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY THE OBSERVER WAS RECEIVED FROM DEPUTY STANLEY MC FADDEN, WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, MICH. DEPUTY MC FADDEN WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE AND REPORT GIVEN BY FRANK MANNOR. DEPUTY MC FADDEN SAW THE LIGHTS AND HEARD THE SOUND MADE BY OBJECT. HE DID NOT VIEW THE OBJECT AS LONG NOR AS CLOSE AS FRANK MANNOR, BUT IS IN AGGREMENT WITH HIM ON WHAT HE OBSERVED. HE BELIEVES MR MANNOR IS RELI BLE ND NOT GIVEN

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TO H LLUCIN TIONS. PRELIMIN RY N LYSIS GIVES NO B SIS FOR DISBELIEF IN THE SIGHTING NOR CLUE TO ITS IDENTITY. BASED ON THIS REPORT AND THAT OF NEWS MEDIA OF THE AREA, WHICH ALSO COVERED MR MANNORS SIGHTING AND THAT OF OTHER UNKNOWN WITNESSES, BELIEVE THIS TO BE A FACTUAL REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

L. NONE

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P.O.Box 241
Mount Vernon,N.Y.
March 25,1966

Major Hector Quintanilla
Air Force UFO Project
Wright-Patterson A. F. Base
Dayton,Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

If Dr. Hynek has not already notified you of the facts I have listed below I will most happily explain the Milan,Mich. photographes.

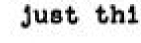
Whether or not it was intended the photograph is a hoax. It does not show UFO's but simpley the planet Venus and the moon. There seems to either be a slight mixup in dates in the local papers or the photogapher has lied about the date,he gave March 16 while the facts fit March 17. Working from several astromonical books the newspaper's text and the AP wirephoto I have obtained the following information;

1) The moon and the planet Venus were close together on the morning of March 17 just before dawn.
2) The UFO's rose about 4AM local time,the moon and Venus rose about 4AM local time.
3) The UFO's were visable until about 7AM,Venus(which is very bright just now)and the moon would have been easily visable until about sunrise which was about 7AM.
4) One exposure shows the lower part of the sky illuminated,if this can be assumed to be the coming of dawn the camera was aimed southeast,Venus and the moon were in the southeast.
5) At about the time of the photograph(5:30 AM CST)Venus and the moon were about 10° appart. If the largest UFO in the photo is assumed to be the moon whose apparent diameter is ½° then the seperation of the two UFO's is 10°.
6) During a ten minute time exposure a celestial object will trail about 1½° across a photographic plate as a result of the earth's rotation. If we again assume the largest UFO is the moon the amount of trailing of both UFO's is 1½°.
7) The moon was a cresent on the morning of March 17 and if a time exposure were taken of it,it would appear as in illustration A in the photograph it looked like B.
8) One of the objects was discribed as red on the bottom,white in the middle and blue on top. When a celestial object is at a low altitude atmospheric refracrion causes it to appear just this way.

I hope I have been able to shed some light on these photographes if Dr. Hynek has not already done so.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. John E. Bortle
New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.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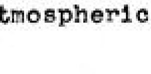
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Ethel A. Faull
509 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Q. Quintanilla,
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Division
of Blue Book
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have been very interested in the account in the Chicago Tribune of March 23rd telling of lights seen over a swamp near Dexter, Michigan. I am addressing this letter to you because, like I, you are unexcited over this phenomena.

I think there can be little doubt that this manifestation is known as "will o' the wisp", or from the Latin "foolish fire", and it should incite little attention except for its beauty.

I have seen these lights as described in this article many times when I was a child. We were accustomed to seeing them above a small swampy body of water which was an over-flow from a creek than ran through our neighborhood.

If you will look in the dictionary under the name "ignis fatuus" you will see that the lights are due to phosphorous that forms over the water in a swamp or marsh. There never was a sound accompanying these lights, but it may be that we never went close enough to hear. At any rate we were never concerned over their appearance as we knew what they were; and, too, the swamp was small and the display not elaborate.

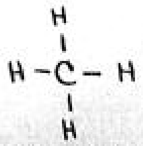
What fantastic things this mortal mind can conjure up when the unusual presents itself!

Very truly yours,

Ethel (Mrs. Edwin) Faull

METHANE GAS

Methane is a hydrocarbon, meaning that it is composed of hydrogen and carbon atoms. By looking at a chemical diagram we see that



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Methane

4 atoms of hydrogen combine with 1 atom of carbon to produce CH_4 or methane.

It can now be noted from its chemical formula that methane contains 5 atoms in its molecule, 4 atoms of hydrogen and 1 carbon atom. This property enables it to be classified as a gas.

Methane is more often known as "swamp gas", "marsh gas", and "fire damp" among other terms. It occurs due to the decaying of animal and vegetable matter under water. It is then given off due to the decomposition reaction, bubbling through the water, and escaping.

Methane is a colorless and odorless gas, insoluble in water, and burns with a blue flame. It is highly inflammable and often times is the cause of explosions in coal mines.

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF 20 - 21 MARCH 1966

In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFOs, I was requested to investigate two major sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale — and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them) were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information which the others had already concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot complain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reports. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reports while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River, Wisconsin "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day stay and both he and Mrs. Miller were of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to verylate hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

The two primary sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local (and later of nationwide) attention, and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings here discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Tizpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr. Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor
Univ of Michigan, Astronomy Dept. (11 members)
Univ of Michigan, Faculty members

Mr. Ted Seeling, Radio and Television Engineer
William Van Horn, Funeral Director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale
Chief John Palmer, Chelsea Police
Mrs. Hearn, housemother at Hillsdale College
Miss Joe Wilson / Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn chose
Miss Sara Robechek/ as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A — Dexter, Michigan

There follows the record of the report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835pm on 20 March 1966 and of the local investigation made. This can be said to have initiated the succession of events.

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Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observe, and the undersigned officers were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams ahd been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORS then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between two (2) small lights. After watching for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle similar to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluish-green light, and intensifying to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horizontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTHER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, hovering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a westerly direction.

A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, north side of N Territorial Road, between Scully Road, and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenwa, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS: OPEN

End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff Office.

Mr. Wagner, the "complainant", is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Mannor said that he was about to enter his house from a front yard, when according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and particularly with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights, save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow emanating from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region. Points A, B, C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr. Mannor and his son who had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search afrom afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again. Mr. Mannor reported that as he observed the deputies approach the depression with their flashlights, (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr. Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary vehicle the lights would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr. Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for 2½ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr. Mannor and Deputies McFadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During the Mannors' trek towards the swamp (incidently they never arrived at their objective, never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden drew figure #4, though he stated to me that he had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer Bushroe in another, asked the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. The new arrivals stated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officer had not seen the lights. Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing it slightly to the right. Mrs. Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light, there was none. As he did so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. This high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with a discussion of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them and those in Dexter.

It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates — their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reports or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity — they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

CASE B - Hillsdale, Michigan

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Airman 2nd Class Hanby and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has a pilots license, been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeable and seemingly efficient person. I talked with him at length about the sighting. Mrs. Van Horn had taken the first call, a report from the girls' dormitory, to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which he stated was stationary at first, and then appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son, David, observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) and stated, in effect,"sorry to bother your, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down" . It was straight east of the dormitory and probably ½ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He saw Mrs. Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows open and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs. Hearn who took us up to the sighting room, where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which lead to the remark by one of them "there's no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

Theyreported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, that several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sighting. I could get no consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the fairly consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile to above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made their ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm, 21 March and 145 am, 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

In Hillsdale, Mr. Van Horn was clearly the best observer as far as technical background was concerned, yet his knowledge of physics is not good. After I had gotten back to Ann Arbor we had a few more phone talks, and at one time he called me rather late at Dean Miller's home to inform me that he was seeing lights in the sky near the horizon — and that through binoculars the lights were vertical lines, green on top, yellow in the middle, and red on the bottom. He failed to recognize this as the effects of atmospheric refraction of starlight into a small spectrum. Van Horn also struck me as a man who becomes enamoured with an idea and tends to lose objectively in favor of the idea. He tends to ride a hobby horse, as was indicated when he marshalled all his forces at a later date to set out to prove the marsh gas hypothesis wrong.

I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap who had reported to Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, he had photographed a blimp. I did give him $2 for a print, just for the record, which I never received. I will not also report at this time the many peripheral conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the Sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies), members of the Chelsea Police

Department (Chief John Palmer, Clyde Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his other men), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunnawill), nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me, in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had not been dealing with seasoned and careful investigators, but rather with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of reporting (license plates, accidents, etc, but not angular rates, angular distances in the sky, brightnesses, and in general, time motion sequences). I was forced, therefore, to take into account, and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported fairly consistantly by several witnesses. The doubt case upon certain witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence as to the quality and reliability of the data, I was obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects of the stories from Dexter and Hillsdale and place into another category the host of the individual and generally mutally conflicting bits of testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemed to be developing in the Dexter and Hillsdale cases. These had many interesting points in common; first, the lights in both cases were associated with swamp areas. While it was true that various individuals reported lights traveling in the sky at about those times and in those general vicinities, I could form no consistent picture whatever of these alleged events. On the other hand, I could form a consistent picture of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and at Hillsdale. In both cases a distinctive reddish yellow, and green lights were reported, plus a general yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One of the girls at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights was striking. Not only as to color and intesity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flashlights came into the vicinity, the major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my Northwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the swamps, but funds were not available for bringing in any of my associates, who are excellent interogators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch, it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the acedemic world in Ann Arbor and whose invaluable aid I enlisted. I would like to give credit to the scientists I talked with until very late into the night but they prefer to remain anonymous. I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting vegetation in the swamps produces methane, CH_4, and hydrogen sulfide, H_2S, in ample quantities under certain conditions. Methane is oderless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material. I am told that this would then release a distinct odor. In addition, phosphine PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three gases ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, but I am told, a small impurity in the PH_3, namely P_2H_4, is highly flamable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites. This then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomenon of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in non-technical literature these lights, variously known as willow-of-the-wisp, ignus fatus, fox lights, etc., have had many stories woven around them, including stories of these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mythological entities. Technically, they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated in these books that the lights are a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are

are evanescent, burning here for a momment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is generally soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may be the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr. Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be given by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

It appears to me that many of the conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were satisfied at both Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on aircraft, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

In putting forth the swamp gas explanation of the major Michigan sightings I am aware that it is open to several objects: we do not know whether swamp lights ever appear at the near freezing temperatures that obtained in those areas at the time. If these were swamp lights, one may well ask why they have not been seen in those localities before. One may also ask why not at other swamp areas in Mcihigan instead of just these two? I am also concerned that the Michigan sightings bear a slight resemblance to other UFO sightings in which swamp areas do not figure. I am also concerned that I had to neglect the peripheral evidence of the few people who said that they thought an object had been present. On the other hand, no convincing or coherent evidence was presented that any object had been seen either to enter or to leave the swamp areas. And why swamp areas in both cases? The case for swamp gas is by no means conclusive, and is unprovable, but still remains in my mind as a logical explanation for the majority opinion as to what was sighted. I therefore presented this likely explanation at the requested press conference, at which I pointed out in no uncertain terms that the swamp gas hypothesis was just that and that "I couldn't prove it in a court of law".

I wish that a press conference had not been necessary, or, if necessary that it had been handled more expertly and adriotly. I have little to say that is complimentary about the public relations office at Selfridge Field. It was amateurish in the extreme, and displayed no knowledge of how a press conference should be handled.

The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, with due time allowed, to a body of scientific colleagues than be subject at a moment's notice to a roaring pack of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story.

I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the UFO phenomenon which has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognized as a scientific and sociological problem of our times and studied as such by competent men in various fields. Further, since the first requisite for any scientific investigation is concern for the quality of the basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and processing of such data.

In conclusion, it is unfortunate that so much press and public attention was paid to the Michigan sightings which, as far as UFO reports go, do not compare in substance or in competent witnesses, to many other cases in the file which got very little attention. But at least, in the Michigan cases there was a possible fairly obvious physical explanation at hand; with the others, which remain unidentified, this does not appear to be the case.

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APPENDIX "A"

STATEMENT ON THE DEXTER AND HILLSDALE UFO SIGHTINGS, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Scientific Consultant to Project Blue Book.

The Air Force has asked me to make a statement on my findings to date. This I am happy to do, provided it is clearly understood that my statement will refer to the two principal events as reported to me: the event near Dexter, Mich., on March 20, and a similar one at Hillsdale, Mich., on March 21. It does not cover the hundreds of unexplained reports as opposed to the thousands of explained cases made not only to Project Blue Book, but those from other countries, over the past several years, as described in recent books and articles. I have not investigated those—such as the one near Exeter, N.H. and those in the western states last year, nor the puzzling foreign cases, such as that at Cuernavaca, Mexico, last fall. I have recommended in my capacity as Scientific Consultant, that competent scientists quietly study such cases when evidence from responsible people appears to warrant such study. There may be much of potential value to science in such events. We know a very great deal more about the physical world in 1966, than we did in 1866—but, by the same token, the people in the year 2066 may regard us as very incomplete in our scientific knowledge. We must not in our haste to have answers, be Frederick Smiths.

If then, it is understood I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomenon over the past 20 years in this and other countries, I am prepared to discuss the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings.

Now, in addition to these two specific cases, there has been a flood of other reports from this area, both before and after last Sunday and Monday, and I could not possibly have had the time to investigate all of these. I have had time, however, to determine that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College of a very puzzling sighting, certain young men have played pranks with flares.

And, I have also determined that the pictures released yesterday to the press were taken on March 17, near Milan, Mich., and have no reference whatever to the sightings of March 20 or 21st, and are without any question a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I emphasize that this explanation refers to those specific pictures and not to the two cases now in question.

At long last now, the Dexter and Hillsdale cases: Here are the hard facts, the residue, the common denominator after sifting out as much of the subjective, peripheral, and inconsistent statements as I have been able to do in this short time.

The majority of observers in both cases reported only lights--red, yellow and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground. They have not described an object. Even the only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards--better than a quarter of a mile away--a distance which does not allow details to be determined. Witnesses have described glowing lights--lights that seemed to move but never far from a definite locale, or which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. Now what was that locale in both instances? In both cases, a swamp. In both cases the location of the glow was pin-pointed: in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people, and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomenon. I think that this is a most significant point.

A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space! It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a soundless, secret device would likely be tested.

Now what is a swamp? It is a place of rotting vegetation and of decomposition. Swamps are not the normal province of the astronomer; he usually has his eyes trained toward far loftier places--yet the Dutch astronomer, Minnaert, in his book, "Light and Color, in The Open Air," has this to say about swamps. He describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights, he says, resemble tiny flames, sometimes seen right on the ground, sometimes floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors, he says, are sometimes yellow, sometimes red and blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a time and sometimes for a whole night. Generally there is no smell, and usually no sound, except the popping sound of little explosions, such as when a gas burner ignites.

Where does the gas come from, and what lights it? The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped by ice and winter conditions. When a spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity.

The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and this in itself might be made a subject of an interesting study.

The glowing lights on the swamp near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two to three hours. No sounds were heard, except for popping sounds. The lights were red, green or yellow and they appeared to move sideways, and to rise a short distance. I emphasize this would not be seen frequently—it is of a unique character. I have never seen it myself and I can easily understand the dismay of the witnesses who saw it and who sincerely described what they saw.

It seems likely that as the present spring thaws came the trapped gases CH_4, H_2S, PH_3, resulting from decomposition of organic materials were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, phosphine, PH_3, usually bursts into flame, apparently because it is ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impurity P_2H_4. The will-o-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3, which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorous compounds."

Other scientists have pointed out to me that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of the Phosphine, PH_3.

It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localised there. Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow as coming from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp, and visible through the trees. He stated that the lights brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do—smoothly and slowly. The girls at Hillsdale described almost the identical thing. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the light when people got close with flash-lights or car lights, would indicate that the glow seemed bright only to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark—there was no moon. The Hillsdale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the lights in the swamp.

I emphasize in conclusion that I cannot prove in a Court of Law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter, an unusually mild one in this area, and the particular weather conditions that night—there was little wind at either location—were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.

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July 30, 1966

Dear Marilyn:

My dictaphone broke down and so my original plan to dictate the whole report and then have my secretary retype it won't work---anyway in the interests of time--mail is slow from here---I will type as much of the report as I can myself, suggesting that you pick up, as indicated, copy from the preliminary report. No need for me to type that twice. Please send me at least two copies of the final report for my files--thanks.

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF 20-21 MARCH 1966.

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In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFO's, I was requested to investigate ~~the~~ two main sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory had asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale--and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them.)were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information the others had already ~~agrxx~~ concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot comlain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reporters. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reporters while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River Wis. "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean oof the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day saty and both he and Mrs. Miller was of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to very late hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

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I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

Now as too the cases themselves: (M pick up Insert B/ M: where are the maps? Local map of Territorial Road and Quigley road woould be handy here and the map showing arrows. Didn't I leave that with you? Does the VanHorn report have this? I probably have my maps at home if I didn't leave them with you.).

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It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates--their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reporters or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity---they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

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In Hillsdale Mr. Van Horn was clearly the best observer as far as technical background was concerned, yet his knowledge of physics is not good. After I had gotten back to Ann Arbor we had a few more phone talks, and at one time he called me rather late at Dean Miller's home to inform me that he was seeing lights in the sky near the horizon--and that through binoculars the lights were vertical lines, green on top, yellow inthe middle, and red on the bottom. He failed to recognize this as the effects of atmospheric refraction of starlight into a small spectrum. Van Horn also struck me as a man who becomes enamoured ~~mfxmm~~ with an idea and tends to lose objectivity in favor of the idea. He tends to ride a hobby horse,as was indicated when he marshalled all his forces at a later date to set out to prove the marsh gas hypothesis wrong

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In putting forth the swamp gas explanation of the major Michigan sightings I am aware that it is open to several objections: we do not know whether swamp lights ever appear at the near freezing temperatures that obtained in those areas at the time. If these were swamp lights, one may well ask why they have not been seen in those localities before. One may also ask why not at other swamp areas in Michigan instead of just these two? I am ~~mix~~ also concerned that the Michigan sightings bear a slight resemblance to ~~thexMem~~ other UFO sightings in which swamp areas do not figure.~~im~~ I am also concerned that I had to neglect the peripheral evidence of the few people who said that they thought an object had been present. On the other hand, no convincing or coherent evidence was presented that any object had been seen either to enter or ~~tmm~~ to leave the swamp areas. And why swamp areas in both cases? The case for swamp gas is by no means conclusive, and is unprovable, but still remains in my mind as a logical explanation for the majority opinion as to what was sighted. I therefore presented this likely explanation at the requested press ~~M: Now Insert F please~~ conference, at which I pointed out in no uncertain terms that the swamp gas hypothesis was just that and that "I couldn't prove it in a court of law".

I wish that a press conference had not been necessary, or, if necessary that it had been handled more expertly and adriotly. I have little to say that is complimentary about the ~~PIO~~ public relations office at Selfridge Field. It was amateurish in the extreme, and displayed no knowledge of how a press conference should be handled.

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In conclusion, it is unfortunate that so much press and public attention was paid to the Michigan sightings which, as far as UFO reports go, do not compare in substance or in competent witnesses, to many other cases in the file which got very little attention. But at least, in the Michigan cases there was a possible ~~physical~~ fairly obvious physical explanation at hand; with the others, which remain unidentified, this does not appear to be the case.

END

J. Allen Hynek

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Insert A. — DR HYNEK's rpt

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1966

The two primary sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local ~~attention~~ (and later of nationwide) attention, and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings here dicussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Fitzpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor.
Univ of Mich, Astronomy Dept (11 members)
Univ of Mich, Faculty members
Mr. Ted Seeling, ~~Eng, Rad, Tel~~ Radio and television engineer
William Van Horn * chelsea
Chief John Palmer - ~~Glesea~~ Police
Mrs Hearn, housemother at Hillsdale college
Miss Joe Wilson // Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn
Miss Sara Robechek // chose as having had the greatest
Patrolman Clyde Myers first hand knowledge.
Patrolman _____ Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Andeson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

* Funeral director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale.

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My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A - Dexter, Michigan

There follows the ~~original report~~ record of the report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835 pm on 20 March 1966, and the local investigation made. ~~which~~ This can't be said to have initiated the succession of events.

"Complain~~t~~ant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road, It was on the ground, went up in air about 500 feet and came down, making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an un-identified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately (½) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son, RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNORS were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the

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house, and the area of the objects observation. At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observed, and the undersigned officers were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORs then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between two (2) small lights. After

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lights disappeared and were not observed again. Further search of the area was made with negative results.

DISPOSITION: FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS MADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

STATUS: [illegible] OPEN

End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff office.

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Mr. Wagner, the "complainant," is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Manor, said that he was about to enter his house from a front yard, when, according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and particularly with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy

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~~proceeded towards the glowing along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy~~ Fitzpatrick observed a glow ~~emitting~~ emanating from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region. Points A, B C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brighted and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree~~s~~ top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and ~~it~~ the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr Mannor and his son who ~~sett~~ had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search from afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, ~~your~~ ~~that~~ whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again, ~~that~~ Mr Mannor reported that as he/approach~~ed~~ ~~observed~~ ~~the~~ the ~~depression~~ depression, with their flashlight, ~~approach~~ observed the deputies approach (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary

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watching the object for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle similar to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Object was observed to be of a brown coloring, appearing to be quilted type outside surface. Object appeared to be flat upon the bottom, and cone shaped toward the top, however, being low in height. Two small lights appeared to be at the outer edges of the object, glowing in a bluish-green light, and intensifying to a brilliant red in color. When the vehicle or object illuminated, the lighting was a yellow-white in color, and ran horizontal between the two outer lights, allowing some of the object to be viewed. Outer body appeared to be rough in texture.

PERSONS OBSERVING OBJECT:

FRANK MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 5, 1919
RONALD MANNOR of 10600 McGinnis Road, Dexter, DOB Jan 28, 1947
Several others, names unknown.

FURTHER UFO SIGHTED: Shortly after the UFO was departed from the scene, CHELSEA POLICE DEPARTMENT reported sighting a similar object over the Village of Chelsea, hovering, and then departing at high rate of speed in a westerly direction.

A further sighting of similar bluish-green lights was reported near the woods and swamp, north side of N Territorial Road, between Scully Rd., and Webster-Church Road, in Webster Twp., County of Washtenwa, by Washtenaw County Sheriff Patrol #19, however, when attempt was made to get closer, Insert C (3)

vehicle the lights ~~which~~ would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for 2½ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr Mannor and Deputies Mc Fadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During ~~their~~ the Mannors' trek towards the swamp (incidently they never arrived at their objective, ~~therefore~~ never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden ~~direct through~~ drew figure #4, though he ~~had indicated~~ stated to me that he ~~had~~ had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy ~~Hon~~ Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer ~~Bricheo stated~~ Bushroe in another, ask~~ing~~ed the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. ~~they~~ The new arrivals stated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officers had not seen the lights, Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing it slightly to the right. Mrs Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had ~~talked~~ turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light. there was none. As he

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dil so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, ~~positioned~~ paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. this high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with ~~an analysis~~ a discussion of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them ~~and~~ those in Dexter.

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Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

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On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Amn ~~Hamaby~~ and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has ~~his~~ a pilots license, been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeble and seemingly efficient ~~effective~~ person. I talked with him ~~10/~~ at length about the sighting. Mrs Van Horn ~~took~~ had taken the first call, a repott from the girls' dormitory, to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for ~~10~~ 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see ~~nixkm~~ nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which ~~taxour~~ he stated was stationary at first, ~~it~~ and then appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees . His wife and son, David, observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But

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he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) ~~they~~ and stated, in effect, " sorry to bother you, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down" It was straight East of the dormitory and probably ½ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He ~~was~~ saw Mrs Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room ~~of~~ where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows opened and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this ~~Van Horn~~'s story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs Hearn who took us up to the ~~same~~ sighting room, where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #40. Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led to a remark by one of them " theres no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling ~~mom~~ Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

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They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, ~~however,~~ ~~A to this~~, that ~~that~~ several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sightings. I could get no~~t~~ consist~~a~~ent story relative to this, in contrast to the ~~wide~~ fairly consistent description to the lights inthe swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every onee in awhile To above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made ~~these~~ Their ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm 21 March and 145 am 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

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I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap~~e~~ who had reported to

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Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, he had photographed a blimp. I did give him $2 for a ~~pointy~~ print, just for the record, which I ~~have~~ never ~~not yet~~ received. I will not also report at this time the many ~~preferbal~~ peripheral conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies), members of the Chelsea Police Department (Chief John Palmer, Clyde Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his other men), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunawill), nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me, in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of ~~toker~~ other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had not been dealing with seasondd and careful investigators, but rather

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with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of reporting (license plates, accidents etc but not angular rates, angualr distances in the sky, brightnesses, and in general, time motion sequences). I was forced, therefore, to take into account, and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported fairly consistently by several witnesses. The doubt cast upon certain witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence as to the quality and reliability of the data ~~I must use or~~ I was obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects of the stories from Dexter and HIllsdale and place into another category the host of the individual and generally mutally conflicting bits of testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemd to be developing in the Dextern and Hillsdale cases. These had many interesting points in common; first, the lights ~~were~~ in both cases were definitely ~~were~~ associated with swamp areas. While it was true that various individuals reported lights traveling in the sky at about those times

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and in those general vicinities, I could form no consistent picture whatever of these alleged events. On the ~~contrary,~~ other hand, I could form a consistent picutre of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and at Hillsdale. In both cases a distinctive reddish ~~relationship,~~ yellow, and green lights were reported, plus a general yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One of the girls at Hillsdale described lights in the sky as Christmas tree lights. Other girl at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights was striking. Not only as to color and intensity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flash lights came into the vicinity, the major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

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I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my Northwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the ~~seamps~~ swamps, but funds were not available for brining in any of my associates, who are excellent interagators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch, it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to ~~have or~~ hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even~~t~~ the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the acedemic ~~fie~~ world in Ann Arbor and ~~h~~ whose invaluable aid I enlisted.

I would like to give credit to the scientists I ~~worked//~~ talked with until very late into the night but they prefer to remain anonymous.

I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

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Technically they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated ~~that~~ in these books that the lights are ~~luminescence~~ ~~illuminicenty~~ ~~is~~ a form of low temperature chemical luminescense which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are ~~eveniscent~~ evanescent, burning here for a momment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is general soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may be ~~have~~ the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be ~~carried~~ given by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which ~~a later~~ would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

It appears to me that ~~all the major~~ many of the conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were ~~all~~ satisfied ~~both~~ at both Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely natural cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on a/c, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

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It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting ~~vegetable~~ vegetation in the swamps produced methane, CH_4, and hydrogen sulfide, H_2S, in ample quantities ~~in~~ under certain conditions. Methane is oderless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material. ~~which~~ I am told that this would ~~tend~~ then release a distinct odor. ~~I am told.~~ In addition, phosphine ~~Ph3~~ PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compouds in the marsh material. These three ~~gases are-not~~ gases ordinarly do not spontaneously ignite, but, I am told, ~~that~~ a small impurity in the ~~Ph3~~, ~~name P2h4~~ PH_3, namely P_2H_4, is highly flamable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites. ~~which~~ this then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomenon of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in ~~unknown~~ non-technical literature these lights, variously known as willow-of=the-wisp, ~~Ignus, Phaetus~~ ignus fatus, fok lights, etc, have had many stories woven around them, including ~~such~~ stories ~~as~~ of these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental ~~mithelogical~~ mythological entities.

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~~I therefore presented this likely explanation at the press conference.~~ The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, with due time allowed, to a body of scientific colleagues than be subject at a moment's notice to a roaring ~~path~~ pack of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story.

¶ I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the ~~ufo~~ UFO phenomenon which has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognized as a scientific and sociological ~~principle~~ problem of our times and studied as such by competent men in ~~these~~ various fields. Further, since ~~Since~~ the first ~~recquisition~~ requisite for ~~of~~ any scientific investigation is concern for the quality of the basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and procesing of such data. ~~I would be most happy to submit a moe specific recommendation on the handling of this problem, based on my score of years of experience with the problem if this seems appropriate at this time.~~

~~During-the-three-day-interrogation~~

~~All notes obtained were gathered all through my working hours on the three days are available in my ~~fiels.~~ files~~

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P.O.Box 241
Mount Vernon,N.Y.
March 25,1966

Major Hector Quintanilla
Air Force UFO Project
Wright-Patterson A. F. Base
Dayton,Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

If Dr. Hynek has not already notified you of the facts I have listed below I will most happily explain the Milan,Mich. photographes.

Whether or not it was intended the photograph is a hoax. It does not show UFO's but simpley the planet Venus and the moon. There seems to either be a slight mixup in dates in the local papers or the photogapher has lied about the date,he gave March 16 while the facts fit March 17. Working from several astromonical books the newspaper's text and the AP wirephoto I have obtained the following information;

1) The moon and the planet Venus were close together on the morning of March 17 just before dawn.
2) The UFO's rose about 4AM local time,the moon and Venus rose about 4AM local time.
3) The UFO's were visable until about 7AM,Venus(which is very bright just now)and the moon would have been easily visable until about sunrise which was about 7AM.
4) One exposure shows the lower part of the sky illuminated,if this can be assumed to be the coming of dawn the camera was aimed southeast,Venus and the moon were in the southeast.
5) At about the time of the photograph(5:30 AM CST)Venus and the moon were about 10° appart. If the largest UFO in the photo is assumed to be the moon whose apparent diameter is $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ then the seperation of the two UFO's is 10°.
6) During a ten minute time exposure a celestial object will trail about $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ across a photographic plate as a result of the earth's rotation. If we again assume the largest UFO is the moon the amount of trailing of both UFO's is $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.
7) The moon was a cresent on the morning of March 17 and if a time exposure were taken of it,it would appear as in illustration A in the photograph it looked like B.
8) One of the objects was discribed as red on the bottom,white in the middle and blue on top. When a celestial object is at a low altitude atmospheric refracrion causes it to appear just this way.

I hope I have been able to shed some light on these photographes if Dr. Hynek has not already done so.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Bortle

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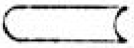
New York City Amateur
Astronomers Assoc., Inc.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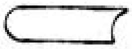
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Ethel A. Faull
509 East Prospect Street
Kewanee, Illinois
March 25, 1966

Major Hector Q. Quintanilla,
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Division
of Blue Book
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I have been very interested in the account in the Chicago Tribune of March 23rd telling of lights seen over a swamp near Dexter, Michigan. I am addressing this letter to you because, like I, you are unexcited over this phenomena.

I think there can be little doubt that this manifestation is known as "will o' the wisp", or from the Latin "foolish fire", and it should incite little attention except for its beauty.

I have seen these lights as described in this article many times when I was a child. We were accustomed to seeing them above a small swampy body of water which was an over-flow from a creek than ran through our neighborhood.

If you will look in the dictionary under the name "ignis fatuus" you will see that the lights are due to phosphorous that forms over the water in a swamp or marsh. There never was a sound accompanying these lights, but it may be that we never went close enough to hear. At any rate we were never concerned over their appearance as we knew what they were; and, too, the swamp was small and the display not elaborate.

What fantastic things this mortal mind can conjure up when the unusual presents itself!

Very truly yours,

Ethel (Mrs. Edwin) Faull

SOME DAY . . .

Saucers for Real? That Would Bore Us

(C) New York Times Service

Russell Baker

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29—The flying saucers seen in Michigan last week are now officially dismissed as swamp gas. It is probably just as well. One of these days a genuine flying saucer will come to earth and, after the excitement wears off, there will be one less mystery in the universe to keep us awake.

Psychologists hold that many of us believe in flying saucers because we want flying saucers to exist. Not so. We can see that it is not so by considering what will happen after the first new flying saucers have landed.

The immediate reaction will be an intense interest. All three TV networks will preempt their afternoon schedules, as well as "Batman" and "I Love Lucy"-reruns, to cover the event, and no one will telephone the networks to complain.

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THERE WILL be a national wave of disappointment when the saucer opens and fails to disgorge either a tall slim man who resembles Michael Rennie or little green men wearing glass globes around their heads. The likelihood that whatever it is that is able to land missions on earth from distant worlds will have any human characteristics is remote.

When the saucer is opened, it is more likely to contain cats or flying cockroaches. Or, it may contain something utterly uninteresting. Great balls of moss, perhaps, or piles of rubber bands.

Now, while a visit from another planet is a fascinating event to look forward to, the real thing is almost certain to be an anti-climax, particularly if the visitors are no more interesting than cats or rubber bands or great moss balls.

After the first few landings, the public will begin to find the whole business tiresome. Then years ago, the prediction that man would shortly travel in space thrilled and absorbed the world. Recently, when two space travelers encountered a serious emergency, thousands of people complained because the networks interrupted favorite TV programs to report what was happening.

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NOTHING PALLS nowadays as rapidly as a miracle. After the first few saucer arrivals, we will ask, "What's the idea of interrupting 'Bonanza' to report another saucerload of moss balls?"

This is why the psychologists are wrong. We do not want flying saucers to exist because, once their existence is established, something exciting will go out of life and saucer landings will take their place in the humdrum of daily existence along with the comings and goings of Lyndon B. Johnson, the crash of airliners and the billingsgate of politics.

What we want is to preserve the possibility that flying saucers exist without ever having to confront the real thing. So long as flying saucers are a possibility, we can entertain dreams about the universe.

So long as they are merely a possibility, it is possible that they really may have Michael Rennie aboard, or little green men with glass globes around their heads.

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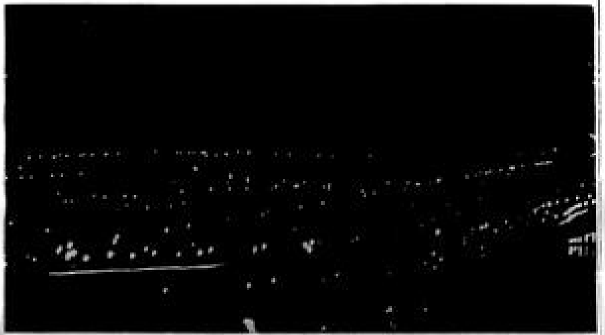
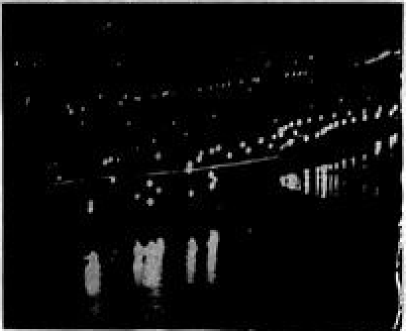
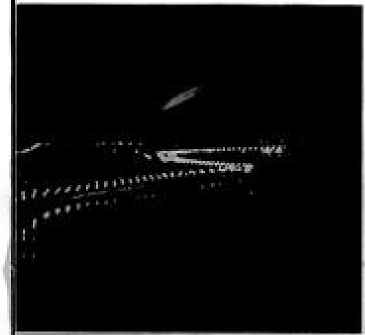
A Well-witnessed 'Invasion'—by Something



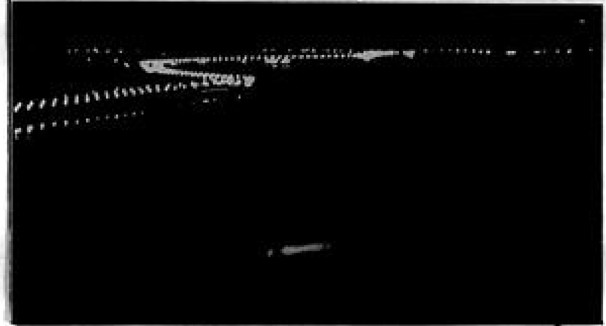


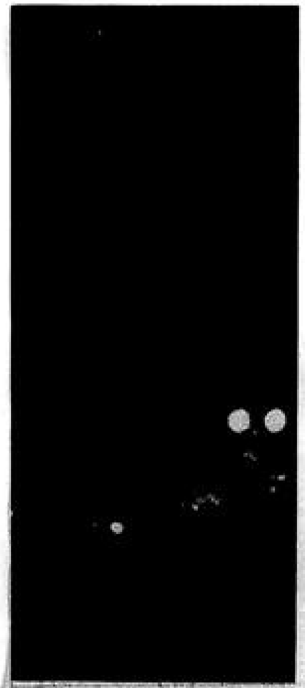
An amateur photographer named L. Benoldi had set up his camera on a tripod atop a hill overlooking Perth, Australia to take some night views of the city. As he told it later, "I noticed a bright light descending from a great height. It was radiating a light greenish glow and had an evidence trail of the same color. Its shape, as well as I could judge it, was slightly oval." Benoldi took a picture. "When it reached a height of approximately 20 feet above the water, it slowed to a speed of about five miles per hour and I took another picture. As I was preparing to take one more, the object shot up into the air vertically with enormous speed and disappeared within three seconds. . . ."



From Australia to Michigan, a flurry of eerie UFO sightings

Call them what you will: flying saucers, Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), optical illusions, or the first symptoms of the silly season. They are back again—and seen by more people than ever before. Some are greenish and iridescent, like the mystery thing that swooped down over Perth, Australia several weeks ago (*left and below*). Others are football-shaped and aglow with pulsating lights. Last week the manifestations seemed almost to have reached the proportions of an invasion. Near Ann Arbor, Mich. 52 witnesses, including a dozen policemen, saw five strange objects hovering over a swamp (*see p. 26*). The next day a glowing thing floated over a small college in Hillsdale, Mich. and was sighted by 87 students, an assistant dean and the local civil defense director. Whatever the explanation of the peculiar phenomena—seen and described similarly by so many—something surely was in the air.





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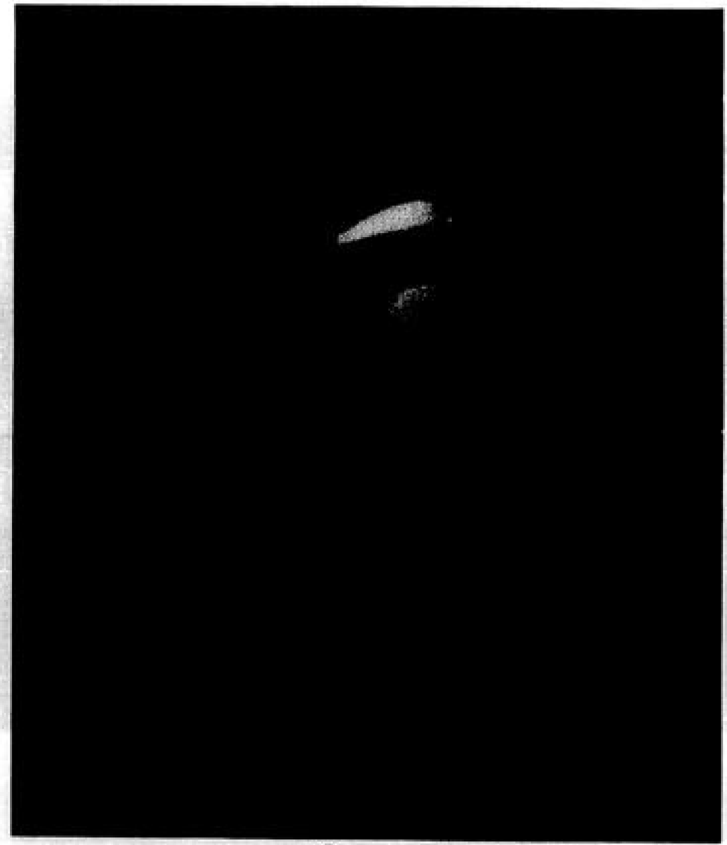

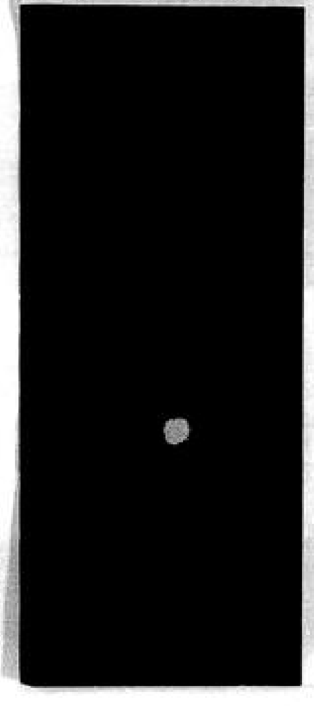

Mark Roth, a 22-year-old photographer who lives in New York, was strolling with his girl friend in a park near her home in Queens. Suddenly, looking up, he saw "an orange-silver object that gave off a yellowish light." They dashed to her house, scooped up a camera and hurried back. Roth's first shot caught the object on the horizon (top left) *"and then it flattened out and vanished"* (bottom left).

This photograph of an unidentified object in the sky was taken last fall by Alan Smith, a 14-year-old Tulsa newspaperboy, and subsequently was copyrighted by the Oklahoma Journal Publishing Co. "It was changing color from white to red to blue-green," Alan said later. "It pulsated with a high whining sound emitting from it. As the sound grew louder, the light was brighter. It gave us the creeps."

'It wasn't no hullabillusion,' said the farmer, and 52 agreed

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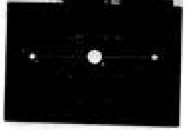

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by PAUL O'NEIL

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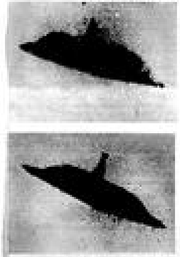

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UPI, COLUMBUS, JAY GOODY - Would like to know if we have any reports from Ann Arbor, Mich. The only thing we have was on the radio. We haveno official information whatsoever. People report to the closest AFB. The information included a policeman, three persons. Selfridge told them they had no official reports. We won't do anything until some base nearby sends a report to us. Try to determine what it is after we get the informantion.

WKAR Radio - Have had no information on Mcihigan

WONE R dio, Dayton, Ohio - We have had no information on Michigan sightings etc. Frank Macomber, San Diego, California 234-7111 - We have no information on Michigan sightings, etc.

Lippencott, Citizens Journal Columbus. We have not received any reports from Lockbourne etc, last night. No info on the michigan case.

Maj Davis - Safoi - Selfridge is sending us a reprt. It wa reported by two or three people - they came up with nothing. Operations secretary was typing the report. Majr Davis wants evaluation.

SAFOI - Sara - Major Davis d/ tryihg to press for statement.

Jerry Chambers - Wone _ Selfridge collecting information on UFOs in area. Will be sent here etc.

ROBERT deGROUFF, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BROADCASTING. Only information we have on Ann Arbor is second or third hand. Selfridge is going to investigate.

WONE - Dougles Drake - Dr Hynek is going to assist in the investigation. He is astrophysicist

WHK News in Cleveland, Steve Fuller. We havero reports from Cleveland whatsoever. Dr Hynek is goig to assist in investigation by Selfridge.

Mr White Thomas, 222-3536 - We regard all UFO reports as seriesou. These are all statnadar motions. Sent Dr H to hlep investigate. As soon as we get info it will be relased.

CALLS 22 Mar 66

Associated Press Desk, Columbus, Ohio, Bob Miller. Sent Dr Hynek to help in investigation. Details quite sketchy. Will be released as soon as info is in, etc.

JACK JONES, Dayton Daily News. - Dr Hynek should be on the scene now. Haven't talked to him as yet. We take all report s serious. etc

BILL WISE, LIFE MAGAZINE - Arranged to come here to make a feature article.

PHIL JONES WJLR - Have started investigation. Dr Hynek is in the filed, information will be released when it is in, etc. Nothing has every proven to be extraterrestrial in nature.

MAJOR GREGORY, SCFA - gave him a break down on what had been happening

CALLS OF 24 MARCH 1966

Douglas D·ake, ~~WWM~~ WONE - We are on second lead story. Wanted to know whatprogress has been made in the Michigan sightings and when we expect a result and an opinoi. Do we see any association between Michigan and North Carolina sightings. Things are beginning to shape up and expect an explanation tomorrow, etc. Have no reports from N Carolina.

Barrents, Radio Station, Detroit, Mich TR-3-2890 - Told him we expected results tomorrow.

Dr Thomas Healvy, University of Florida 898-7411 - Tampa. He is interested in UFOs, from the scientific view. He is planning to go up to Washington, D C in two or three weeks and would like to come to Dayton. He would like to generate the first scientific conference on UFO's on each case,presenting the best meteorologists to talk about investigations, and look through the cases with a scientific viewpoint. He feels if the academic community would look at the cases with a scientific viewpoint it would show that the Air Force is doing the best job they can. He felt that by generating a conference with the aid of our office that he would be doing a service not only to the irForce but to the scientific community as well. ~~xMaax~~ Major toldhim he had a very good thought and thought i t was a tremendous idea. Gave him Col Spaulding's address to go through.

Phil Donahue _ WHIO, Dayton - The investigation is still being conducted.

JACK JONES - DAYTON DAILY NEWS, Dayton - hope to have results tomorrow afternoon.

~~MEMMEEX~~ WLW-D, Dayton - Hope to have results tomorrow afternoon, etc.

Fred Stir, Ann Arbor - regardingAP statement = With collecti on of information and investigation is proceeding nicely and we hope to have an explanation, hopefully sometime ~~toma~~ tomorrow. Once Dr Hynek and Moody check it out we can work it out and go over the data. Hope to have a press conference tomorrow at S$_e$lfridge, etc.

CALLS 24 Mar

John Sweeney - 223-1111, Journal Herald - Wanted to know about the Michigan case. Told him nothing new ~~a~~ except what had been given to Jones that morning at Dayton Daily News, about 1 hour ago. He said I couldn't have talked to Jones 1 hour ago and surely there was some news. I told him that if he didn't want what we had to say he could go over and ask Jack Jones at Dayton Daily News (other side of building) he said he wouldn't do that cause that was their competitor).

Calls of 2~~0~~5 Mar 66

WIFE Radio Station, Indianapolis, Indiana - Wanted to know if we had received report of a UFO landing in a gravel pit last night at 835pm in Indianapolis and ~~whatxxxx~~ if we were going to send someone over to investigate it. He said the Sheriff was out investigating it now. Informed h im that until it was reported to the Air Force by the orbserver we could do nothing. Thanked us.

ASSOCIATED PRESS, oColumbus, Ohio 228-4306. Wanted to know about press conference called with Dr. Hynek. It is to be this afternoon. Press conference will be at 1 pm at Selfridge. Everything pretty well solved.

NBC NEWS CLEVELAND, OHIO, GLEN RAEKER - Dr Hynek is having a press conference at 1pm at Deteroit Press Club, in Detroit, Mich. Dr Hynek is consultant to BB. Official statement will be released by Washington when Dr Hynek has press conference. Haven't heared about any sightings from Astabula, lately.

RATTNER WANC RADIO - Swamp gas had. Photograph had no connection with the sightings of Hilsdale. We haven't seen the report as yet. Dr Hynek is consultant to BB, etc. Gave information onthe program to date.=statistics, etc.

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CALLS OF 28 MARCH 1966

WBNS, NEWSROOM, COLUMBUS, OHIO 224-9265. We have not seen the film from the patrolman. It will probably be a few days. The object observed was Venus. I spoke with the patrolman and he gave me the technical information, azimuth, elevation and it is definitely the Planet Venus.

CRAIG EDWARDS, CINCINNATI - Seen on Wire that W-P is having a rash of sightings. Major said he didn't know how we got onthe wire. Gave information onthe program to date.

PAUL MASS, COLUMBUS DISPATCH - UFOs in Columbus area would be reported to Lockbourne. I am the Blue Book Officer for the whole AirForce. Call the Air Force base nearest you and ask for the UFO officer when reporting a UFO. We have had a rash of sightings due to publici ty and the onslaught of spring. Gave general information ont he UFO program

CALLS OF 29 MARCH 1966

Jim Mosely. I didnt go to Michigan. Dr Hynek, Moody and Amn Elmer went. Mosely said that it was in the New York Journal by LLoyd Young that Hynek did not want to give the answer about the gas, that there wa s a violent argument between Hynek and Major Quintanilla. Dr Hynek suggested marsh gas. We talked to Chemist here and he talked to them up there. We had an idea Thursday afternoon but we couldn't say anything until it was thoroughly checked out. We agreed Friday morning. I have never met Mr Young. Spoke on the current sightings to him.

WILLIAMS, Lisbon, Ohio - Watted to know if Major Quintanilla would be available to speak. This afternnon I am going to be on radio and I would like to honor your request but we are very busy. If I do it for one person I must do it for all. Major Explained the project to date, etc.

ROUGH DRAFT

REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE DEXTER, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 20 MARCH AND THE HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN SIGHTING OF 21 MARCH 1966

The two sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local attention (and later of nationwide) and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings dicussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Fitzpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner
Univ of Mich, Astronom Dept (11 members)
Univ of Mich, Faculty members
Mr. Ted Seeling, Eng, Rad, Tel
William Van Horn
Chief John Palmer - Clesea Police
Mrs Hearn
Miss Joe Wilson
Miss Sara Robechok
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman _____ Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Andeson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A - Dexter, Michigan

There follows the original report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835 pm on 20 March 1966, which can't be said to initiated

Complaintant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road, It was on the ground, went up in air about 500' and came down making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an un-identified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately (½) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son, RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNOR's were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the house, and the area of the objects observation. At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers were met by others who had gathered to observed, and the undersigned officer were informed that one of the objects had been hovering directly over the area where our flashlight beams had been seen, and had then departed in a west direction of flight, at high rate of speed. Upon returning to the patrol vehicle, the undersigned officers returned to the McGinnis Road address, where the MANNORS were talked to.

TALK WITH FRANK MANNOR: FRANK MANNOR stated that he had observed the lights coming from the swamp, and had awakened his son, RONALD. BOTH MANNORs then proceeded into the swamps in an attempt to find out the object which was producing the light. Upon entering the lower edge of the swamp, RONALD stated "what is that thing", and as FRANK MANNOR looked in the direction indicated, the object was observed. At the instant of observation the small lights went out, and in just an instant, re-appeared across the swamp, a distance of about 500 yards. At this time, the object became illuminated from a brilliant source of light, which flowed horizontal between [illegible] two (2) small lights. After watching the object for a couple of minutes, the rays of light from two flashlights were observed from the ridge above the object. The light from the object intensified, then went out, and a whistle simular to the sound of a rifle bullet ricochet was heard, and the object passed directly over the MANNORS in just an instant.

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While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and ~~it~~ the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr Mannor and his son who said had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search from afar. Deputy Fitzpatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, ~~your~~ ~~that~~ whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again. ~~that~~ Mr Mannor reported that as he ~~approached~~ ~~observed~~ ~~the~~ observed the deputies approach the ~~depression~~ depression with their flashlights ~~approach~~ the area of the glow, the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary vehicle the lights ~~which~~ would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for 2½ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr Mannor and Deputies Mc Fadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During their trek towards the swamp (incidently they never arrived at their objective, ~~therefore~~ never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden ~~direct through~~ drew figure #4, though he had indicated to me that he had had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy ~~Hon~~ Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer Bushroe in another, ~~Bricheo stated~~ asked ~~ing~~ the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. They ~~S~~tated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officers had not seen the lights. Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing ~~it~~ slightly to the right. Mrs Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had ~~talked~~ turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light. there was none. As he

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dil so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, ~~positioned~~ paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. this high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with an analysis of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them and those in Dexter.

Case B - Hillsdale, Michigan

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Amn ~~Hamaby~~ Hamby and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has his pilots license, been in the Air Force and is a very knowledgeble and effective person. I talked with him at length about the sighting. Mrs Van Horn ~~took~~ had taken the first call, a report from the girls dormitory to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which ~~taxaux~~ he stated was stationary at first, and then ~~it~~ appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees . His wife and son David observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) they stated in effect" sorry to bother you, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down") It was straight East of the dormitory and probably ½ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He ~~was~~ saw Mrs Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room ~~of~~ where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows opened and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this ~~Van Horn~~'s story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs Hearne who took us up to the same room where the same girls were intercived. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #40. Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which led to a remark by one of them " theres no house down there is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

They reported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, however, that ~~A to this~~, ~~they~~ several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sightings. I could get not consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the ~~wide~~ fairly consistent description to the lights inthe swamp.

According to Van Horn, thelights were surrounded by a glow which rose every onee in awhile To above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made the~~ir~~ ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm 21 March and 145 am 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap~~e~~ who had reported to

Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, he had photographed a blimp. I did give him $2 for a ~~pointy~~ print, just for the record, which I have not yet received. I will not also report at this time the many peripheral ~~preferbal~~ conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies) members of the Chelsea Police Department (Chief John Palmer, Clye Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his men), and the polce in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunawill) nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of ~~teher~~ other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had not been dealing with seasoned and careful investigators, but rather with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of reporting license plates, accidents etc but not angular rates, angualr distances in the sky, brightnesses, and in general, time motion sequences, I was forced, therefore, to take into account and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported fairly consistantly by several witnesses. The doubt cast upon certain witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence as to the quality and reliability of the data I must use or I was obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects of the stories from Dexter and HIllsdale and place into another category the host of the individual and generally mutally conflicting bits of testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemd to be developing in the Dextern and Hillsdale cases. These had many interesting points in commong, first, the lights **were** definitely were associated with a swamp area. While it was true that various individuals reported lights traveling in the sky at about those times and in those general vicinities, I could form ~~c~~ no consistent picture whatever of these allged events. On the contrary, I could form a consistent picutre of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and SW at Hillsdale. In both cases a distinctive/reddish ~~relationship,~~ yellow, and green lights were reported ~~b~~ plus a general ~~g/~~ yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One of the/girls ~~glow~~ at Hillsdale described lights in the sky as Christmas tree lights. Other girl at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights was striking. Not only as to color and intensity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flash lights came into the vicinity, the major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my northwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the seamps, but funds were not available for brining in any of my associates, who are excellent interagators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to have or hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even~~t~~ the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the acedemic fie world in Ann Arbor and whose invaluable aid I enlisted.

I would like to give credit to the scientists I ~~worked//~~ talked with until very late into thenight but they prefer to remain anonymous.

I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting ~~vegetable~~ vegetation in the swamps produced methan CH_4 and H_{2s} in ample quantities in certain conditions. Methane is oderless, H_{2s} is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material which would ~~tend~~ then release a distinct odor I am told. In addition, phosphine P_{h3} is produced by the reduction of phospherous compouds in the marsh material. These three gases ~~are-not~~ ordinarly do not spontaneously ignite, I am told, that a small impurity in the P_{h3}, name P_{2h4} is highly flamable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites which then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomena of swamp lights is apparently quite well known and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in unknown technical literature these lights, variously as willow-of=the-wisp,ignus, Phaatus, fox lights, etc. have had many stories wove around them including such stories as these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mithelogical entities.

Technically they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. ~~W~~ Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yello, white and green thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated that in these books the illuminicenty is a form of low temperature chemical luminescense which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights general are eveniscent, burning ~~c~~ here for a momment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporatic lighting is general soundless although sometimes a popping noise is heard (this may/be ~~have~~ the origin of the"ricochet sound" Mr Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be carried by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which ~~w~~ later would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath.

It appears to me that all the major conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were ~~sat~~ satisfied both at Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem: merely that it is the most likely natural cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on a/c, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

I therefore presented this likely explanation at the press conference. The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighted and consistent evidence and conclusions, to a body of scientific collegues than to a roaring path of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story. I recommend once again, as I have often in the past in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the ufo phenomena which has now plagued us for a score of years and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time should be recognized as a scientific and sociological principle of our times and studied as such by competent men in these various fields. Since the first recquisition of any scientific investigation is concerned for the quality of the basic data much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and procesing of such data. I would be most happy to submit a moe specific recommendation on the handling of this problem, based on my score of years of experience with the problem if this seems appropriate at this time.

~~During-the-three-day-interrogation~~

All notes obtained were gathered all through my working hours on the three days are available in my ~~fiels.~~ files

REPORT ON THE DEXTER-HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN UFO SIGHTINGS OF 20 - 21 MARCH 1966

In my capacity as scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFOs, I was requested to investigate two major sightings in Michigan which, for some reason, had captured public attention and were the subject of many radio and news stories. It was unfortunate that I did not ask permission to take at least two assistants along. Mr. Powers of the Dearborn Observatory asked to go along, as had Mr. Vallee and Mr. Hanlon. A far better job of interviewing the large number of ostensible witnesses to the same events could have been done.

Once upon the scenes (Dexter and Hillsdale — and Ann Arbor and Chelsea along with Dexter), despite the help of A2C Hanby (loaned from Selfridge Field) I realized that the task was far too great for one man if all the witnesses wishing to be interviewed (and many of whom were 'miffed' because I had either not had a chance to talk with them or was able to give only a short time to them) were to be satisfied. Since I had no authority to call in help without going through FTD, and that would take time, I decided upon the following plan of action: I would limit myself to interrogating key witnesses in both localities and would use as the basis of my judgment only those 'information bits' that were agreed upon by several witnesses. I could not give weight to one person who contradicted some bit of information which the others had already concurred in. Thus I had to neglect the testimony of one person who said he saw an object when the majority in the same location described only lights. Had I had assistance, I would have adopted the plan of having an assistant interrogate separately the single witnesses who had a different story to tell. I cannot complain about the lack of assistance, however, since none of us knew what proportions these incidents would assume as the next few days came around.

My interrogations were made triply difficult because of the ubiquitous press, radio and TV men. It was impossible to talk quietly with anyone without having a microphone placed in front of your face. I was always importuned for "just a word" or, "will you answer just one question?" It is difficult to describe to one who wasn't there the general bedlam. Mr. Mannor, the chief protagonist in the Dexter case, reportedly complained that I had spent very little time with him. It was virtually impossible to do so; several times I was waiting and anxious to talk with him but he was occupied with several reports. Here again is where some assistants would have come in handy; they could have diverted the reports while I talked to Mannor. One needs some clever interference run for him in cases like this; it is virtually impossible to do it single handed. By contrast, I recall the Eagle River, Wisconsin "pancake" case. In that instance I had chartered a plane and took several graduate students with me. They were invaluable in chasing down leads, assisting in the interrogation of subsidiary witnesses and running very necessary interference, making special arrangements to see people etc. I have resolved that in investigating future cases, if I do at all, I must have at least one dependable assistant who knows the ropes. Otherwise too much time is wasted in sheer mechanics.

Through the kindness of Prof. Freeman Miller, Associate Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, I made my headquarters at his home during my several day stay and both he and Mrs. Miller were of extreme help. Mrs. Miller gave freely of her time in answering the phone, which seemed to ring incessantly, to verylate hours, and then again early in the morning. It was through Dr. Miller's kindness that I was put into touch with several University of Michigan faculty members (who prefer to remain anonymous) who were able to give me considerable help on possible physical solutions to the sightings. It was at Dean Miller's invitation that eleven members of the University of Michigan astronomy department met with me at Dean Miller's home to discuss the sightings and other things as well.

It is virtually impossible to describe the hectic nature of the three days in the Ann Arbor neighborhood. I certainly would not wish to undergo another such episode unless I were far better prepared for it in terms of time and physical assistance. Nonetheless, it happened this way, and I went after the salient 'facts' of the sightings and let the chips fall where they would.

The two primary sightings at Dexter and Hillsdale, respectively, may be called the crucial sightings which became the focal point of local (and later of nationwide) attention, and had associated with them a veritable barrage of other reports with no clear-cut association with the two principal events under discussion here. It is possible that many of these were the result of the general excitement surrounding these events and of suggestibility on the part of those who reported them. However, there were reports of odd sightings, particularly in the Milan area, a few nights previous to the sightings here discussed. It would have taken an army of investigators to have exhaustively looked into all of these. In the course of my three days of investigation, I talked with the following people at some length and with a host of others in passing.

County Sheriff Harvey - Washtenaw County
Deputy Stanley McFadden
Deputy David Tizpatrick
Patrolman Hunnawill
Colonel Gerald G. Miller
Chief Taylor
Mr. Frank Mannor
Bob Wagner, son-in-law of Mr. Mannor
Univ of Michigan, Astronomy Dept. (11 members)
Univ of Michigan, Faculty members

Mr. Ted Seeling, Radio and Television Engineer
William Van Horn, Funeral Director and Civil Defense Chief in Hillsdale
Chief John Palmer, Chelsea Police
Mrs. Hearn, housemother at Hillsdale College
Miss Joe Wilson / Two students at Hillsdale whom Mrs. Hearn chose
Miss Sara Robechek/ as having had the greatest first hand knowledge.
Patrolman Clyde Myers
Patrolman Sharpe
(Sgt. Schuerder, Deps Bushra and Anderson were contacted by A2C Hanby)

I should apologize for the lack of detail in the description of the people I interviewed. Things happened so fast that there was little time for making formal records. The next time I undertake an investigation of any scope I will want to take with me an IBM portable recorder to assist me in getting names, places, and associations down correctly.

There may be some comment that I never interviewed Mr. Mannor's son. I fully intended to. He was either with reporters or unavailable. There simply was not enough time to interview everyone!

My questions were specifically directed toward determining what was visibly perceived and towards pinpointing the location and extent and duration of the phenomena.

Case A — Dexter, Michigan

There follows the record of the report received at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department at 835pm on 20 March 1966 and of the local investigation made. This can be said to have initiated the succession of events.

"Complainant called and stated that there was a strange object in the swamp at the end of McGinnis Road. It was on the ground, went up in air about 500 feet and came down, making a lot of noise.

INVESTIGATION: Dispatched to the above location, and made contact with the complainant at 10600 McGinnis Road. Complainant advised that an un-identified object was presently located in the swamp, to the rear of afore mentioned location, and had been so located for approximately ($\frac{1}{2}$) one-half hour. Complainant further related that the object had been observed to rise to an altitude of approximately 500 feet, and then to return to the ground. Subject stated that lights were observed upon the object, and that the lighting turned from a blue-green to a brilliant red to yellow in coloring. Object had appeared to be having difficulty in getting off of the ground.

FRANK MANNOR, of 10600 McGinnis Road, and his son RONALD, had watched the object for some time, and then proceeded into the woods and swamps, in an attempt to locate the object, and to see what it was. Both MANNORS were within the swamp at the time of arrival of the undersigned officers.

ACTION TAKEN: The undersigned officer, in company with the complainant, proceeded along Dexter-Pinckney Road to Territorial Road, and then turned onto Quigley Road, where a vantage point was obtained, being in direct line with the house, and the area of the objects observation (See Map). At this point, the patrol vehicle was secured, and the afore mentioned proceeded into the woods, in attempt to locate the swamp edge, and the object. While in the woods area, a brilliant light was observed from the far edge of the woods, and upon approaching, the light dimmed in brilliance. As the afore mentioned approached the upper ridge, and edge of the woods, the brilliant light again appeared, and then disappeared. A continued search of the area was conducted, through swamp, and high grass, with negative results.

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End of Record at Washtenaw County Sheriff Office.

Mr. Wagner, the "complainant", is the son-in-law of Mr. Mannor who made the original sighting. Mr. Mannor said that he was about to enter his house from a front yard, when according to him, he noticed a bright light out of the corner of his eye. He thought at first it was a falling star which he said abruptly stopped right over a swamp to the immediate north of his barn. He called his son, Ronald, out from the house to verify the sighting and together they watched the glow of light behind the trees in the distant swamp. Apparently at this time Mr. Wagner made the report to the Sheriff's office. Deputy McFadden and Fitzpatrick were dispatched to the Mannor farm and in my interview with McFadden and particularly with Fitzpatrick (with whom I spent several hours in detailed discussions) they stated that upon arrival at the farm Mr. Mannor and his son were already making a trek to the swamp area to look in an attempt to locate the "object". Mannor and his son did not carry any lights, save a cigarette lighter (it seems strange since the night was dark, being the new moon). The deputies thereupon proceeded to the point marked A on figure #1, where they parked their car. They then proceeded towards the glow along a path marked by a dotted line (a path which I almost exactly repeated on Wednesday, 23 March in the company of Deputy Fitzpatrick and Airman Kelley, to point B). From point B, Deputy Fitzpatrick observed a glow emanating from point marked C. Point C is also indicated on a map of the region. Points A, B, C & M are also indicated on figure 2. Deputy Fitzpatrick reported that the glow reported at C brightened and dimmed slowly. "as though stage lights were being brightened and dimmed". Deputy Fitzpatrick never observed anything other than a glow. He did not even observe the glow to rise to the tree top level as Mannor and his son indicated it had.

While Deputy McFadden busied himself in another direction in the swamp, Deputy Fitzpatrick proceeded towards the glow. The deputies were equipped with flashlights and the lights from the flashlights were visible to Mr. Mannor and his son who had now returned to the farm and were observing the deputies search afrom afar. Deputy Fitapatrick stated to me that as he and his flashlight approached the glow, whose source was apparently hidden by a slight rise in the terrain, the glow disappeared. Deputy Fitzpatrick did not see it again. Mr. Mannor reported that as he observed the deputies approach the depression with their flashlights, (the area of the glow) the glow disappeared there and immediately appeared at a more distant point of the swamp. Mr. Mannor described the motion of the glow as a smooth horizontal motion which did not follow the countour of the land. He indicated that if this had been an ordinary vehicle the lights would have proceeded with a bumpy motion because of the irregularities in the terrain. Mr. Mannor indicated that the glow in various parts of the swamp lasted for 2½ - 3 hours. The stories of Mr. Mannor and Deputies McFadden do not exactly agree here but this might be due to their different advantage points.

During the Mannors' trek towards the swamp (incidently they never arrived at their objective, never getting closer than 500 yards) they stated that as they came closer to the swamp they saw an oval object depicted in figures 3 & 4. Deputy McFadden drew figure #4, though he stated to me that he had not seen the object himself. Mannor and his son described the vehicle as a brownish oval with a green and white light at the opposite ends of the longitudal axis and a bright red elongated light in between the two.

When the officers returned to their patrol car they found two other patrol cars there. Deputy Hunnawill and his wife who were in one car, and Officer Bushroe in another, asked the returning officers whether they had seen the lights directly above them. The new arrivals stated that four lights were hovering directly above the officers while they were conducting their search in the swamp, and expressed surprise that the officer had not seen the lights. Deputy Hunnawill stated that one of the lights came directly towards his car, passing it slightly to the right. Mrs. Hunnawill had rolled the window down and, peering out, stated that she observed the ball of light to pass very close to the car. Officer Hunnawill had turned the car motor off to check whether any sound came from the ball of light, there was none. As he did so the object was visible in front of him through the windshield. He got out, paused to shut the door, and then looked around for the object, only to discover that the object was already to the rear of the car. This high angular rate, if correct, would indicate that the light must have been very near.

Before proceeding with a discussion of these observations it would be best to examine the basic reports from the Hillsdale area because of the great similarity between them and those in Dexter.

It is most unfortunate that none of the witnesses in the Dexter area were technically trained. It was difficult for me to speak to them in terms of angles, and angular rates — their powers of description were inadequate to the occasion; they would have made poor reports or investigators. This is not to disparage the witnesses, and certainly not to impugn their honesty or sincerity — they simply lacked the ability to describe accurately and technically.

Let us now examine the Hillsdale case; the witnesses were of the same order as those at Dexter with the exception of Mr. Van Horn who has had technical training, holds a pilots license, and is generally articulate. But even for him the words of accurate description failed him. Further, to one of his training, he should have availed himself of other technically trained people in the area rather than rely solely on the girls at Hillsdale college. The college has some science teachers who certainly should have been alerted and their opinions and observations solicited. Also, while we could hardly expect Mr. Mannor to have a camera ready, certainly the people at Hillsdale, with a good vantage point, and three hours available to them, should have placed a camera in action and obtained a time exposure of the lights. So now let us look at the Hillsdale case:

CASE B - Hillsdale, Michigan

On Thursday, March 24th I traveled to Hillsdale with Airman 2nd Class Hanby and his driver to investigate the Hillsdale case. We called first at the home of William Van Horn, County Civil Defense Director and operator of the Van Horn Funeral Home. He has a pilots license, been in the Air Force, and is a very knowledgeable and seemingly efficient person. I talked with him at length about the sighting. Mrs. Van Horn had taken the first call, a report from the girls' dormitory, to the effect that there were blue, red and white lights visible to the east from the dormitory near the ground. Van Horn went to the back roof of his house and for 10 minutes scanned the skies and could see nothing. He did see a white light in the SW which he stated was stationary at first, and then appeared to change azimuth from 210 to 270 degrees. His wife and son, David, observed it for about 20 minutes. He said it wasn't a star, and not an aircraft because it remained in the field of the binoculars for five minutes. But he saw nothing in the area of the sky to the northeast and east. This was reported to the girls but they called back at 1105 (Barbara Cohn) and stated, in effect,"sorry to bother your, don't want you to think we are crackpots, but the thing is coming down" . It was straight east of the dormitory and probably ½ miles away, they stated. Van Horn called the State Police as well as the city police who arrived shortly, investigated the area and reported there was nothing to be seen. Because the girls continued to report lights, Van Horn decided to go to the dormitory. He saw Mrs. Hearn, housemother at the dormitory, who took Van Horn to the second floor of the dormitory. They went to the room where Miss Jo Wilson and Sara Robecheck were. The girls had the room dark and windows open and were looking down towards a swampy depression in the country side. Van Horn observed the lights then himself for the first time.

After getting this story from Van Horn at his home, we proceeded to the dormitory and talked with Mrs. Hearn who took us up to the sighting room, where the same girls were interviewed. They were most cooperative and Miss Jo Wilson drew the attached picture, (Figure #4). Both girls told me that attention was first called by a casual glance out of the window which lead to the remark by one of them "there's no house down there, is there?" or words to that effect. A fairly bright red light and two yellowish lights, resembling Christmas tree lights, according to the girls, were close to the ground in the marsh area, where, they obviously knew there was no house.

Theyreported no tangible object. They did remark, although there was much confusion, that several of the girls had seen a very bright light sweep past the window just before the main sighting. I could get no consistent story relative to this, in contrast to the fairly consistent description to the lights in the swamp.

According to Van Horn, the lights were surrounded by a glow which rose every once in awhile to above the trees to about 150 feet above the swamp, appearing to get brighter as it rose, then rather quickly dimming out as it got higher. It appeared, Van Horn said, as though it wished to avoid the periodic sweep of a nearby airplane beacon.

Van Horn stated that his first impression of the lights were that they were marsh lights, otherwise known as fox lights, etc. He told me that he was about to say that this was what they actually were, but just about the time he thought he had the solution, the red light on the right and the white light on the left (a location of these lights did not agree with the girls description) started to get more brilliant. It was at this time that the lights appeared to rise. The lights made their ascent and descent some four times between 1130 pm, 21 March and 145 am, 22 March. Van Horn thought that between the two lights he could see a mass and thought it was convex shaped. The girls, however, had described only a red light at that position.

The arrows on the sketch indicate, according to the girls, the extent of the horizontal and vertical motion of the lights.

In Hillsdale, Mr. Van Horn was clearly the best observer as far as technical background was concerned, yet his knowledge of physics is not good. After I had gotten back to Ann Arbor we had a few more phone talks, and at one time he called me rather late at Dean Miller's home to inform me that he was seeing lights in the sky near the horizon — and that through binoculars the lights were vertical lines, green on top, yellow in the middle, and red on the bottom. He failed to recognize this as the effects of atmospheric refraction of starlight into a small spectrum. Van Horn also struck me as a man who becomes enamoured with an idea and tends to lose objectively in favor of the idea. He tends to ride a hobby horse, as was indicated when he marshalled all his forces at a later date to set out to prove the marsh gas hypothesis wrong.

I am not reporting at this time the numerous side investigations, such as a trip to the home of a young chap who had reported to Van Horn that he had a photograph of a UFO. I visited this chap at Hillsdale and discovered that, as far as I was concerned, he had photographed a blimp. I did give him $2 for a print, just for the record, which I never received. I will not also report at this time the many peripheral conversations I had with individual policemen from the office of the Sheriff of Washtenaw County at Ann Arbor, Michigan (Sheriff Harvey, and a number of his deputies), members of the Chelsea Police

Department (Chief John Palmer, Clyde Myers and Charles Sharpe and a number of his other men), and the police in Dexter Michigan (Captain Taylor and his men, notably Officer Hunnawill), nor will I describe the fairly long discussion I had with Colonel Miller, civilian Defense Chief in Ann Arbor, who appears to be a very practical and blunt man who told me, in a nutshell, that he took no stock in any of the reports that had been going around. I might point out, that all through the investigation I made discreet inquiries relative to character reference and general reliability of other witnesses, and came away with the general impression that I had not been dealing with seasoned and careful investigators, but rather with men untutored in reporting matters outside their normal line of reporting (license plates, accidents, etc, but not angular rates, angular distances in the sky, brightnesses, and in general, time motion sequences). I was forced, therefore, to take into account, and regard as facts, only such things which had been reported fairly consistantly by several witnesses. The doubt case upon certain witnesses by other witnesses did not inspire in me a feeling of confidence as to the quality and reliability of the data, I was obliged to use from which to draw my conclusions. I therefore felt that the only expedient thing to do was to concentrate on the consistent aspects of the stories from Dexter and Hillsdale and place into another category the host of the individual and generally mutally conflicting bits of testimony offered by the many individuals I talked to during my three day stay.

I therefore decided to look at the common pattern which seemed to be developing in the Dexter and Hillsdale cases. These had many interesting points in common; first, the lights in both cases were associated with swamp areas. While it was true that various individuals reported lights traveling in the sky at about those times and in those general vicinities, I could form no consistent picture whatever of these alleged events. On the other hand, I could form a consistent picture of what apparently was observed over the swamp at Dexter and at Hillsdale. In both cases a distinctive reddish yellow, and green lights were reported, plus a general yellow glow. The spectacular lights, when reported, were stated to be of limited area. One of the girls at Hillsdale agreed but stated that a yellowish glow surrounding and enveloped the discreet lights. The similarity between the Dexter lights and the Hillsdale lights was striking. Not only as to color and inteeity, but motion as well. The motion was described in both cases as smooth and slow, with a tendency to disappear rather suddenly and reappear elsewhere. Most observers described a smooth horizontal motion and while other girls from Hillsdale said the lights seemed to get excited and moved erratically when car lights and flashlights came into the vicinity, the major behaviour was described as persistent, smooth and slow.

I had hoped to be able to gather more data and, with the help of some of my Northwestern staff who were willing to come to the area with me and help in the interrogation and so to be able to examine many of the individual reports not associated directly with the swamps, but funds were not available for bringing in any of my associates, who are excellent interogators in this field, and further, since the interest and excitement generated in these cases was mounting to fever pitch, it seemed expedient, in fact mandatory, to hold a press conference and make a progress report. Until the evening before I was to make such a statement, I was still puzzled as to a natural explanation for even the consistent sightings. Fortunately, I have a number of friends in the academic world in Ann Arbor and whose invaluable aid I enlisted. I would like to give credit to the scientists I talked with until very late into the night but they prefer to remain anonymous. I am sure, however, that should their testimony be officially required, rather than for the press, their cooperation could very easily be obtained.

It was from these academic gentlemen that I obtained the information on marsh gas and the lights frequently associated with it. To summarize, it appears that rotting vegetation in the swamps produces methane, CH_4, and hydrogen sulfide, H_2S, in ample quantities under certain conditions. Methane is oderless, H_2S is not but since it is present in relatively small quantities one does not smell it unless one overturns a shovel full of swamp material. I am told that this would then release a distinct odor. In addition, phosphine PH_3 is produced by the reduction of phosphorous compounds in the marsh material. These three gases ordinarily do not spontaneously ignite, but I am told, a small impurity in the PH_3, namely P_2H_4, is highly flamable and when exposed to air spontaneously ignites. This then apparently can serve to ignite the other gases. The phenomenon of swamp lights is apparently quite well known, and references to it are ample in the literature. Even in non-technical literature these lights, variously known as willow-of-the-wisp, ignus fatus, fox lights, etc., have had many stories woven around them, including stories of these lights being the souls of the departed as well as elemental mythological entities. Technically, they are treated in two books to which I had immediate access, Light and Colour in the Open Sky, by Minnaert and Chemistry, by Sienko and Plane. Here the lights are described even into their colors, red, yellow, white and green, thus matching the colors described by the majority of the witnesses. It is stated in these books that the lights are a form of low temperature chemical luminescence which does not char or burn grass, etc. The lights generally are

are evanescent, burning here for a moment or so, going out, and appearing some feet or yards away as another plume of gas spontaneously ignites. This sporadic lighting is generally soundless, although sometimes a "popping" noise is heard (this may be the origin of the "ricochet sound" Mr. Mannor reported). The illusion of motion can easily be given by the sporadic appearance of a wisp of light here, and then there.

The lights have never been described as truly bright. They would be visible best to dark-adapted eyes on a clear dark night and also on a night which there was no high wind (which would quickly dissipate the gas as it bubbled up from underneath).

It appears to me that many of the conditions for the appearance of swamp lights were satisfied at both Dexter and Hillsdale. I can't state with any certainty that this is the correct solution to the problem; merely that it is the most likely cause. I would of course, appreciate learning of other possible natural causes should they be forthcoming. We can, I believe, completely eliminate any solution based on aircraft, balloons, birds, meteors, stars, etc, because they simply do not fit the consistent data reported to me.

In putting forth the swamp gas explanation of the major Michigan sightings I am aware that it is open to several objects: we do not know whether swamp lights ever appear at the near freezing temperatures that obtained in those areas at the time. If these were swamp lights, one may well ask why they have not been seen in those localities before. One may also ask why not at other swamp areas in Mcihigan instead of just these two? I am also concerned that the Michigan sightings bear a slight resemblance to other UFO sightings in which swamp areas do not figure. I am also concerned that I had to neglect the peripheral evidence of the few people who said that they thought an object had been present. On the other hand, no convincing or coherent evidence was presented that any object had been seen either to enter or to leave the swamp areas. And why swamp areas in both cases? The case for swamp gas is by no means conclusive, and is unprovable, but still remains in my mind as a logical explanation for the majority opinion as to what was sighted. I therefore presented this likely explanation at the requested press conference, at which I pointed out in no uncertain terms that the swamp gas hypothesis was just that and that "I couldn't prove it in a court of law".

I wish that a press conference had not been necessary, or, if necessary that it had been handled more expertly and adriotly. I have little to say that is complimentary about the public relations office at Selfridge Field. It was amateurish in the extreme, and displayed no knowledge of how a press conference should be handled.

The entire matter of a full dress press conference was most distasteful to me because I would rather present carefully weighed and consistent evidence and conclusions, with due time allowed, to a body of scientific colleagues than be subject at a moment's notice to a roaring pack of news hounds whose chief interest appears to be in getting a quick story.

I recommend once again, as I have often in the past, in my capacity as scientific consultant, that the UFO phenomenon which has now plagued us for a score of years, and has been responsible for countless words in newsprint during that time, should be recognised as a scientific and sociological problem of our times and studied as such by competent men in various fields. Further, since the first requisite for any scientific investigation is concern for the quality of the basic data, much more attention should be paid to the immediate gathering and processing of such data.

In conclusion, it is unfortunate that so much press and public attention was paid to the Michigan sightings which, as far as UFO reports go, do not compare in substance or in competent witnesses, to many other cases in the file which got very little attention. But at least, in the Michigan cases there was a possible fairly obvious physical explanation at hand; with the others, which remain unidentified, this does not appear to be the case.

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APPENDIX "A"

STATEMENT ON THE DEXTER AND HILLSDALE UFO SIGHTINGS, by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Scientific Consultant to Project Blue Book.

The Air Force has asked me to make a statement on my findings to date. This I am happy to do, provided it is clearly understood that my statement will refer to the two principal events as reported to me: the event near Dexter, Mich., on March 20, and a similar one at Hillsdale, Mich., on March 21. It does not cover the hundreds of unexplained reports as opposed to the thousands of explained cases made not only to Project Blue Book, but those from other countries, over the past several years, as described in recent books and articles. I have not investigated those—such as the one near Exeter, N.H. and those in the western states last year, nor the puzzling foreign cases, such as that at Cuernavaca, Mexico, last fall. I have recommended in my capacity as Scientific Consultant, that competent scientists quietly study such cases when evidence from responsible people appears to warrant such study. There may be much of potential value to science in such events. We know a very great deal more about the physical world in 1966, than we did in 1866—but, by the same token, the people in the year 2066 may regard us as very incomplete in our scientific knowledge. We must not in our haste to have answers, be Frederick Smiths.

If then, it is understood I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomenon over the past 20 years in this and other countries, I am prepared to discuss the Dexter and Hillsdale sightings.

Now, in addition to these two specific one there has been a flood of other reports from this area, both before and after last Sunday and Monday, and I could not possibly have had the time to investigate all of these. I have had time, however, to determine that in Hillsdale, over and above the sincere and honest reporting by the young ladies at Hillsdale College of a very puzzling sighting, certain young men have played pranks with flares.

And, I have also determined that the pictures released yesterday to the press were taken on March 17, near Milan, Mich., and have no reference whatever to the sightings of March 20 or 21st, and are without any question a time exposure of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. I emphasize that this explanation refers to those specific pictures and not to the two cases now in question.

At long last now, the Dexter and Hillsdale cases: Here are the hard facts, the residue, the common denominator after sifting out as much of the subjective, peripheral, and inconsistent statements as I have been able to do in this short time.

The majority of observers in both cases reported only lights—red, yellow and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground. They have not described an object. Even the only two observers who did describe an object have stated that they were no closer than 500 yards—better than a quarter of a mile away—a distance which does not allow details to be determined. Witnesses have described glowing lights—lights that seemed to move but never far from a definite locale, or which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. Now what was that locale in both instances? In both cases, a swamp. In both cases the location of the glow was pin-pointed: in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people, and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomenon. I think that this is a most significant point.

A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space! It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours, or where a soundless, secret device would likely be tested.

Now what is a swamp? It is a place of rotting vegetation and of decomposition. Swamps are not the normal province of the astronomer; he usually has his eyes trained toward far loftier places—yet the Dutch ac-tronomer, Minnaert, in his book, "Light and Color, in The Open Air," has this to say about swamps. He describes lights that have been seen in swamps by the astronomer Bessel and other excellent observers. The lights, he says, resemble tiny flames, sometimes seen right on the ground, sometimes floating above it. The flames go out in one place and suddenly appear in another, giving the illusion of motion. The colors, he says, are sometimes yellow, sometimes red and blue-green. No heat is felt, and the lights do not burn or char the ground. They can appear for hours at a time and sometimes for a whole night. Generally there is no smell, and usually no sound, except the popping sound of little explosions, such as when a gas burner ignites.

Where does the gas come from, and what lights it? The rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped by ice and winter conditions. When a spring thaw occurs, the gas may be released in some quantity.

The flame, Minnaert says, is a form of chemical luminescence and its low temperature is one of its peculiar features. Exactly how it occurs is not known and this in itself might be made a subject of an interesting study.

The glowing lights on the swamp near Dexter and Hillsdale were observed for two to three hours. No sounds were heard, except for popping sounds. The lights were red, green or yellow and they appeared to move sideways, and to rise a short distance. I emphasize this would not be seen frequently--it is of a unique character. I have never seen it myself and I can easily understand the dismay of the witnesses who saw it and who sincerely described what they saw.

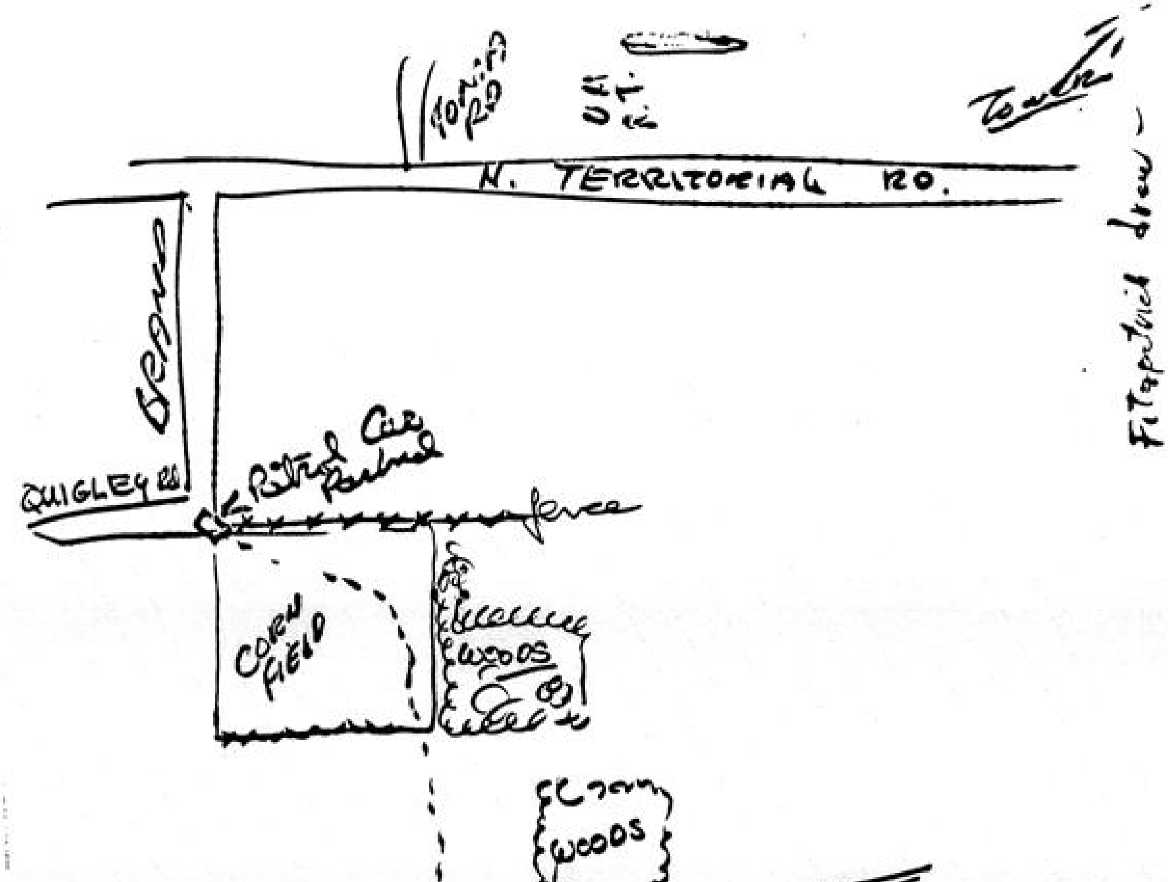
It seems likely that as the present spring thaw came the trapped gases CH_4, H_2S, PH_3, resulting from decomposition of organic materials were released. The chemistry book by Sienko and Plane has this to say: "In air, phosphine, PH_3, usually bursts into flame, apparently because it is ignited by a spontaneous oxidation of the impurity P_2H_4. The will-o-the-wisp, sometimes observed in marshes, may be due to spontaneous ignition of impure PH_3, which might be formed by reduction of naturally occurring phosphorous compounds."

Other scientists have pointed out to me that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of the Phosphine, PH_3.

It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localised there. Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow as coming from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp, and visible through the trees. He stated that the lights brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do—smoothly and slowly. The girls at Hillsdale described almost the identical thing. This could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

The disappearance of the light when people got close with flash-lights or car lights, would indicate that the glow seemed bright only to dark-adapted eyes. The night was dark—there was no moon. The Hillsdale girls kept their rooms dark in order to see the lights in the swamp.

I emphasise in conclusion that I cannot prove in a Court of Law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter, an unusually mild one in this area, and the particular weather conditions that night—there was little wind at either location—were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display.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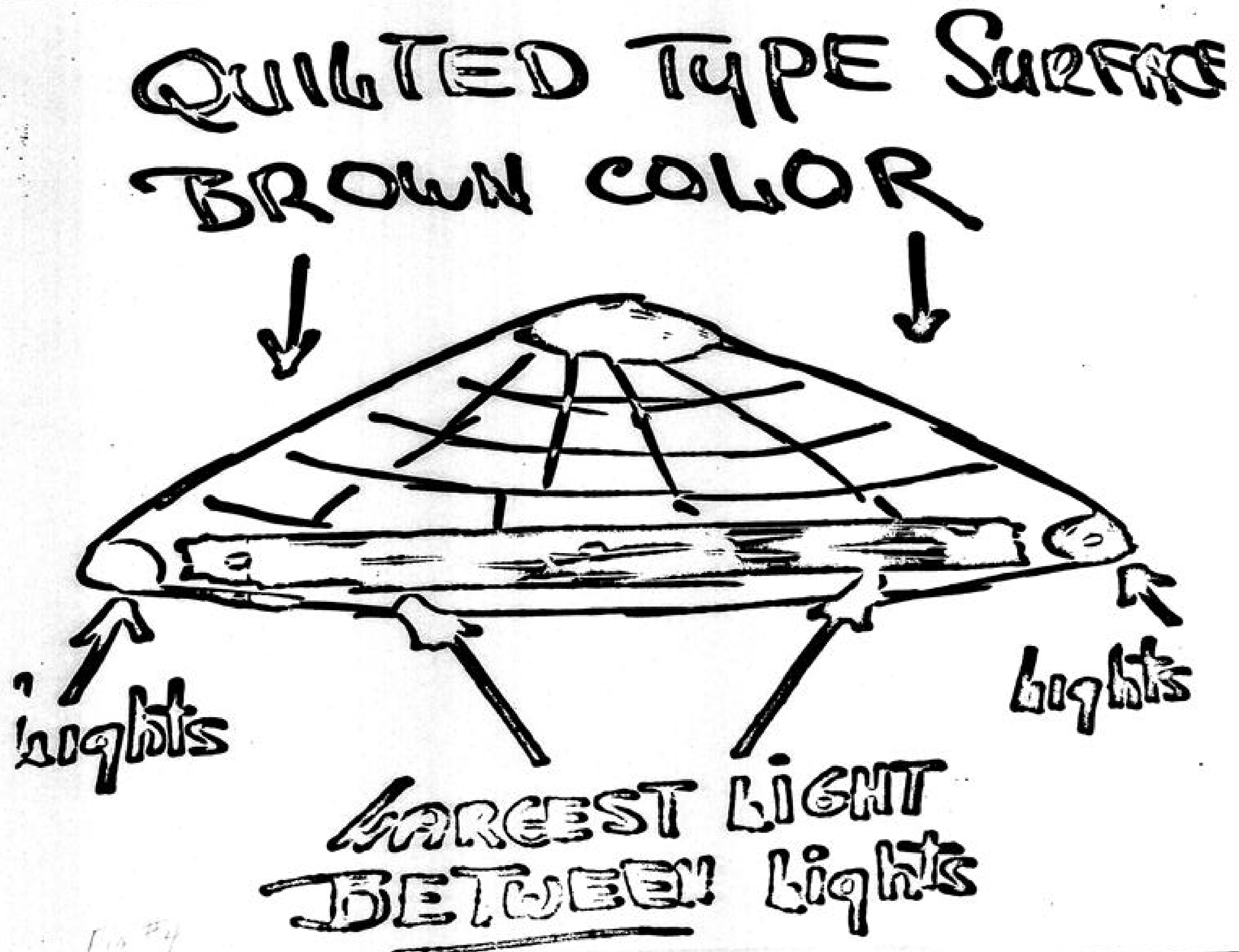
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AIR FORCE STATEMENT REGARDING THE UFO SIGHTINGS AT DEXTER, MICHIGAN, ON MARCH 20, 1966, AND HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN, ON MARCH 21, 1966

The investigation of these two sightings was conducted by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific consultant to Project Blue Book; personnel from Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan; and personnel from the Project Blue Book office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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Witnesses have described glowing lights - lights that seem to move but never far from a definite place or lights which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place. The locale in both cases was a swamp. In both cases, the location of the glow was pinpointed - in Dexter it was seen between two distant groups of people and at Hillsdale it was seen in a swampy depression between the girls and the distant trees. It was in both cases a very localized phenomena. The swamply location is most significant.

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It has been pointed out to the investigating personnel by other scientists in this area that in swamps the formation of H_2S and CH_4 from rotting vegetation is common. These could be ignited by the spontaneous burning of PH_3.

The association of the sightings with swamps in this particular instance is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamp. The glow was localized, and Deputy Fitzpatrick described the glow from beyond a rise adjacent to the swamp as visible through the trees. He stated that the light brightened and dimmed much as stage lights do - smoothly and slowly - and this description exactly fits the Hillsdale sighting also. The brightening and dimming could have been due to the release of variable quantities of marsh gas.

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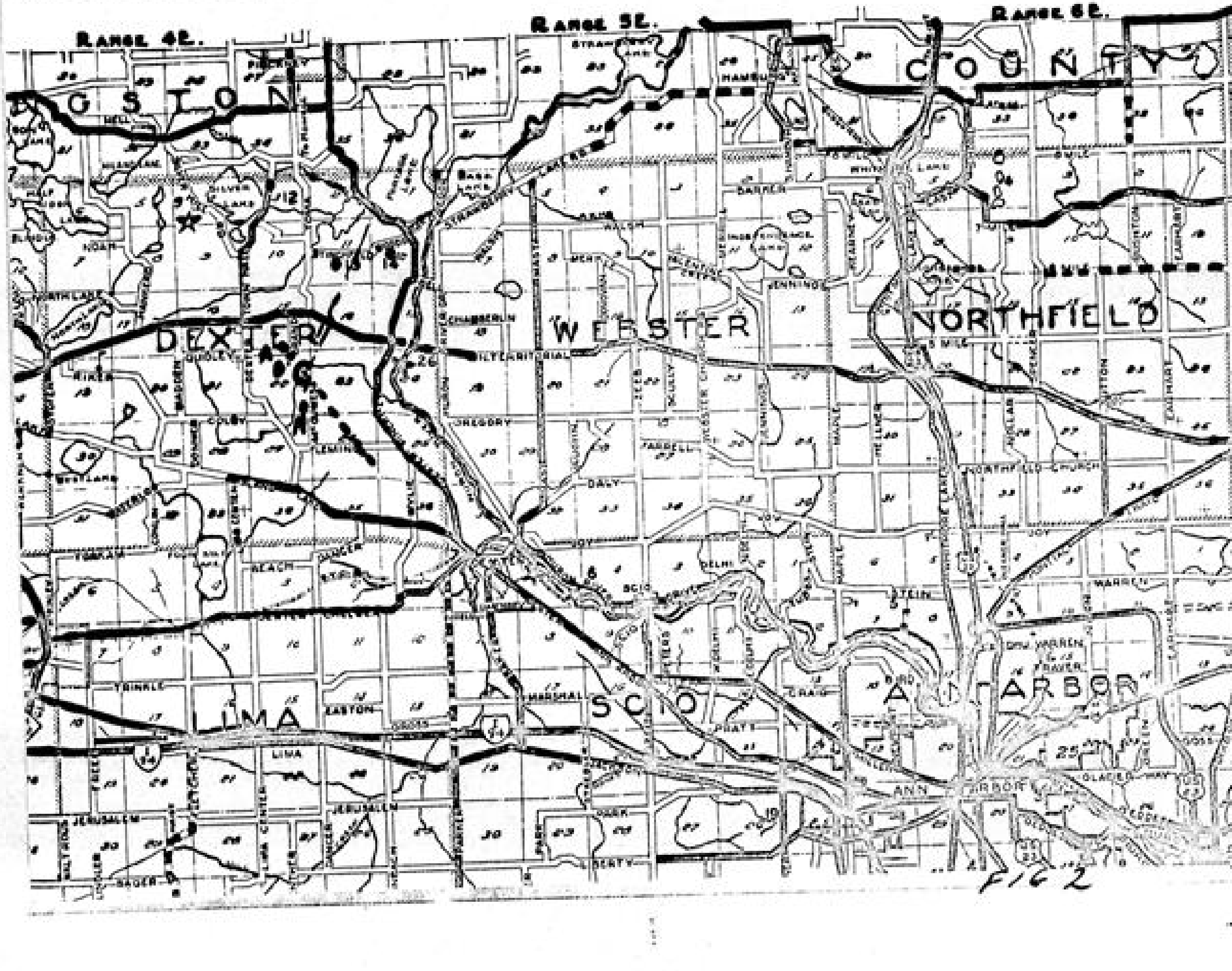

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Major Quintarilla,

Took a call from the WIFE Radio in Indianapolis, Indiana 0815. Wanted to know if we were going to send an investigative team to Indiana today. There was UFO that crashed into a gravel pit last night, 24 Mar 66, at 2030 hours near Indianapolis and the sheriff is on the scene at present. I informed them that we had not received a report from Indianapolis and could do nothing until the observer reported ~~to~~ observation to the Air Force. The radio station replied that he figured it wouldn't be reported since the sheriff was on the scene. Thanked us.

Marilyn

Memos for the Record: Ann Arbor, Michigan, night of 20 Mar 66
Received a phone call from Dr J Allen Hynek on the morning of 21 March 1966. He had heard on a NBC broadcast on radio this morning, 21 March 1966 of a UFO landing in Ann Arbor, Michigan, several witnesses, metalic craft landed in marsh. More than one observer. Dr Hynek wanted us to be on the look out for a report from there. Immediately following Dr Hynek's call, Major Quintanilla called Mrs Hunt and informed her that we had not received any official reports concerning a landing at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

At 131230 on 21 March 1966 Major Quintanilla spoke with Major Davis, SAFOI, ext 55809 or 73002 regarding Ann Arbor, Michigan sighting. Informed him we did not have an official report on it. Dr Hynek had heard it on the radio and notified us. Major Davis had inquiries from Harry Mantell regarding UFOs and has three questions. What do we know of UFO in Ann Arbor. What sighting does this become and when did we start keeping records. As of 1 March 1966 we had 10147 cases. We started to keep records in 1947. Major Davis read the UPI 53 - At least 40 persons saw a UFO land in Ann Arbor, Michigan, police said today. Twelve observers were policeman, they saw erie blinking lights, apparantly on the flying objects. Object arose above the tree topes then dip again. Other policemen saw a formation of 4-5 objects, one flew over their car. A farmer and his son came within 400-500 yards from object. Some saw it on the ground others saw it in the air. Police slogged through the swam then went down and landed. Farmer drew a sketch, picture shape of football, waffle metal, blinking lights and antenna. (We have not had any official report)

According to radio reports the sighting was reported to Selfridge AFB, Michigan they referred the caller to Air Defense Sector at Battlecreek, Michigan because Battlecreek was closer to Ann Arber.

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Call from Congressman Vivian - 28 March 1966 1520 hours

First Item - Did Dr Hynek make a statement regarding the Michigan case. Dr Hynek made the statement. Congressman Vivian wanted to know why he had not been informed of the time that the press meeting was going to be. Major informed the Office of Information that Congressman Vivian was to be informed. Congressman asked for the number of the office. Wanted to know if we had received a report from Hynek. Replied that it was given verbally over the telephone and the office of information had taken it down over the phone. The complete information would be typed up by Dr Hynek's office at Northwestern this week and we would receive a copy. Dr Hynek made the announcement of his findings at the press club. The Office of Information released his findings at the same time over the wire system. He explained events as marsh gas, rising crescent moon and some as flares. Dr Hynek has not submitted his reprt as yet. We plan no further investigation. Selfridge does the initial investigation and submits it to us. There will be no followup or further action unless there are additional sightings. Vivian asked how many times we have had Marsh Gas sightings. Major replied once or twice. Vivian wanted to know if we knew about the Sheriff's remarks regarding Dr Hynek. Major said no. Vivian then asked what Major's degree was in. Major is a physicist,~~in~~ BS, we normally go to Dr Hynek for consultantion. Major has been with the project for 32 months. Vivian asked who Major reported to - Colonel Eric T. de Jonckheere, Deputy for Technology And Subsystems, he reports to General ArthurCruikshank. Who assists us. Sgt Moody has a degree in Psychology. post graduate We use other branches of the Air Force. Congressman wants the number of personnel working on the project and what the qualifications are, what manner of reporting is done.

28 March 1966

Immediately following conversation between Congressman Vivian and Major Hector Quintanilla, he (Maj Q) informed Mrs Sara Hunt (SAFOICC) of the conversation with Congressman Vivian.

Upon completion of phone call to SAFOICC, Major Quintanilla informed TDE, Colonel Eric T. de JONCKHEERE of the conversations.

29 March 1966, 0810

Major Quintanilla spoke with Major Gregory at AFSC SCFA regarding telephone conversation with Congressman Vivian. Last Week congressman Vivian called us direct and requested we inform him prior to press conference of Dr Hynek's. We informed SAFOI and they said L&L would take care of it. Major gave a run down on the conversation of 28 Mar 66 with Vivian. General Cruikshank wanted us to report what transpired yesterday, 28 Mar 66 to SCFA. Gregory said that paragraph 7 of AFR 200-2 indicated that Congressmen were not to go directly to us. Gregory would inform SAFOI of the above.

29 Mar 66, 1050 - Conversationwith Major Gregory, AFSC - Question regarding detailed report that Vivian asked for. Major Quintanilla told Vivian that Hynek was making a detailed report. Gregory said then there was no leak there. Two phone calls were made from Vivian. Gregory is sending AFR 200-2 and Blue Book out. Congressman Ford may ask for a congressional. AFSC would like a copy of Hynek's report.

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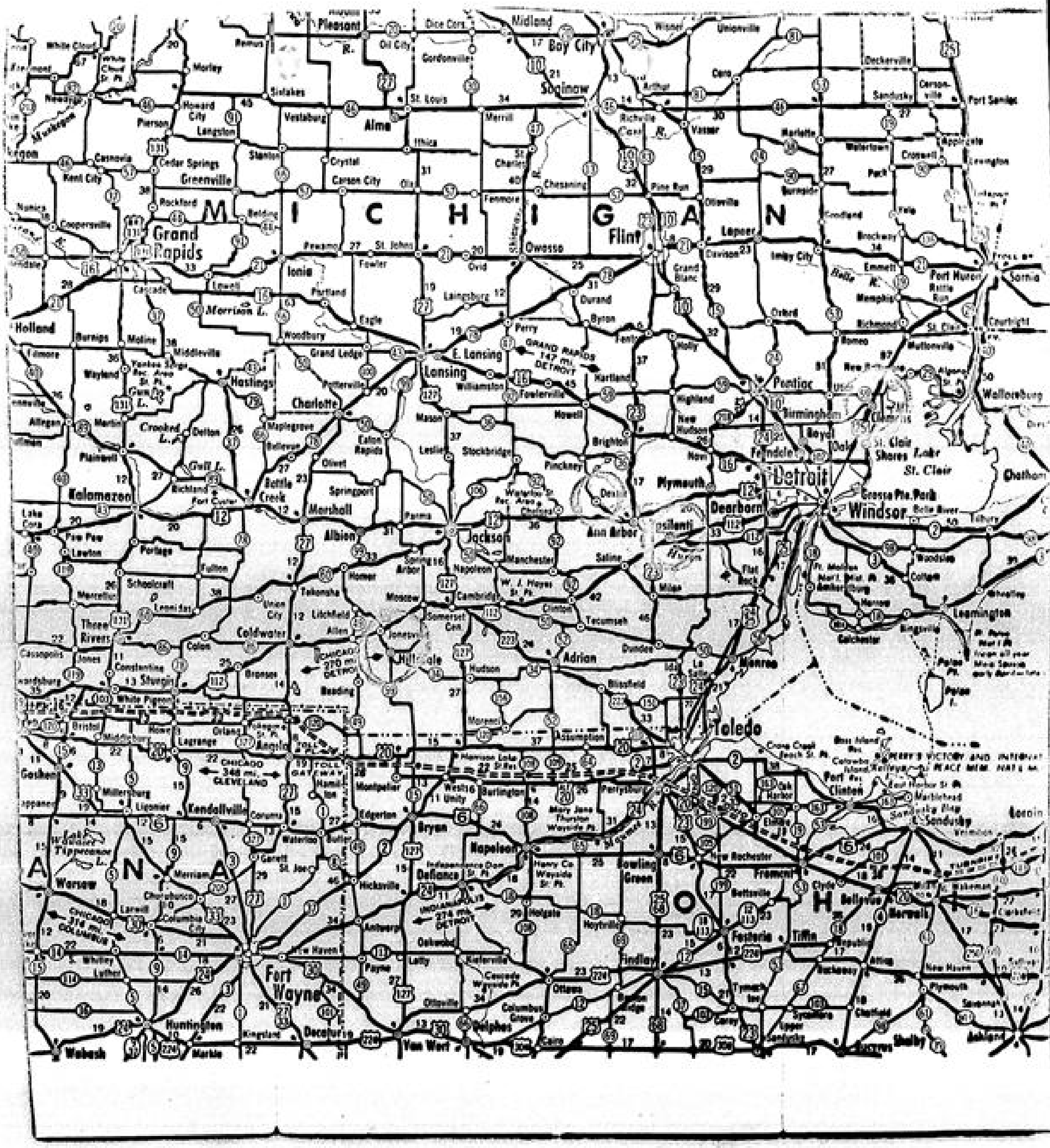
Mrs Stancombe - Confirmed that Vivian spoke directly with Major Quintanilla without going through General Cruikshank first.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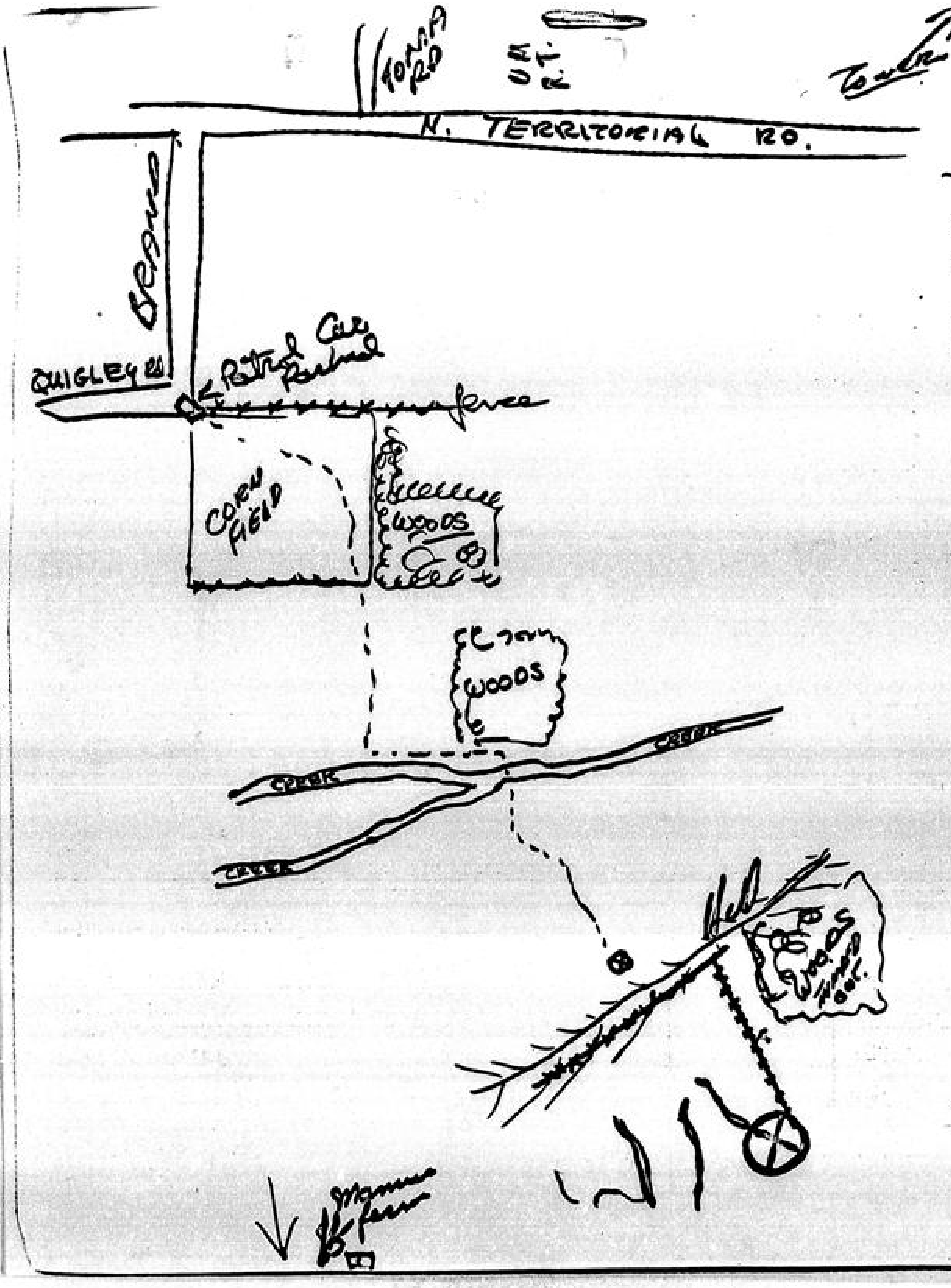
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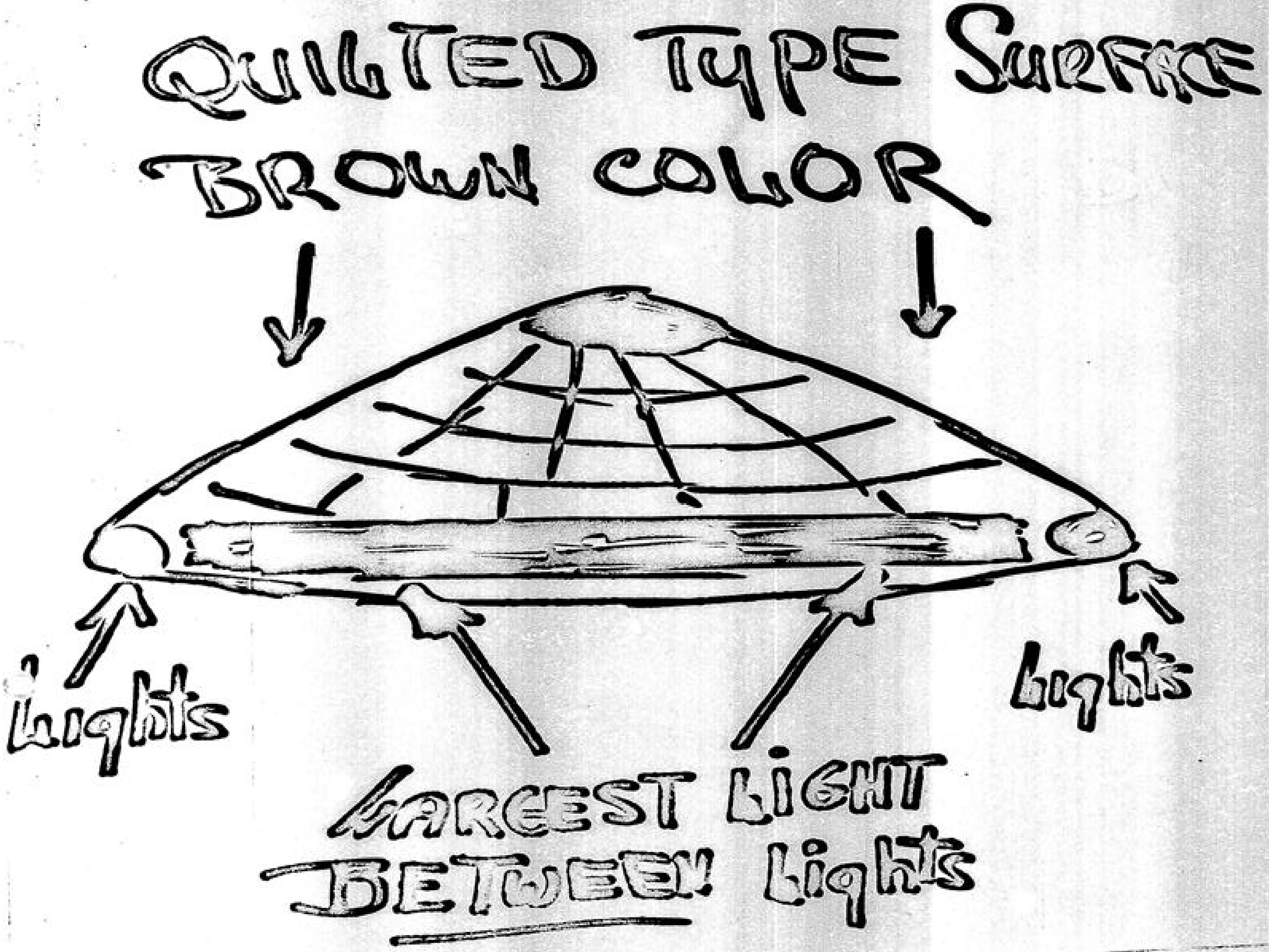
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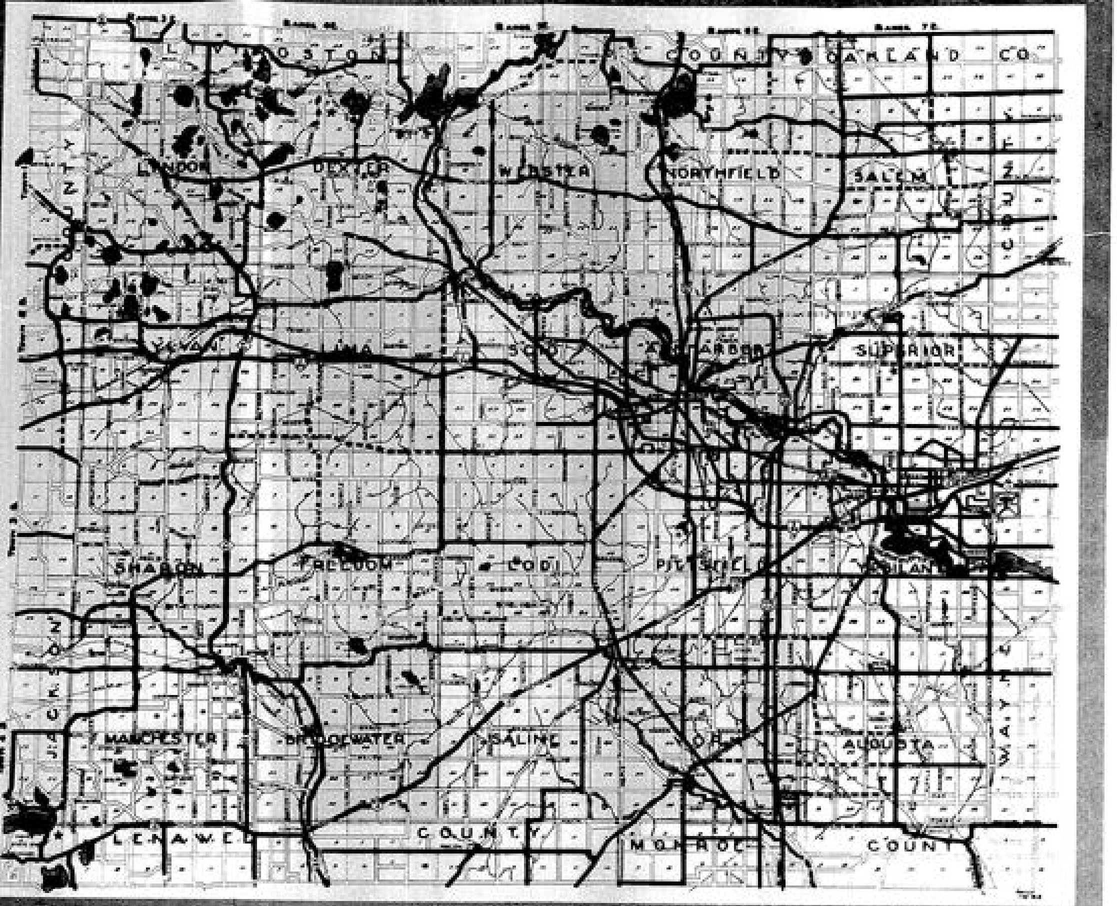
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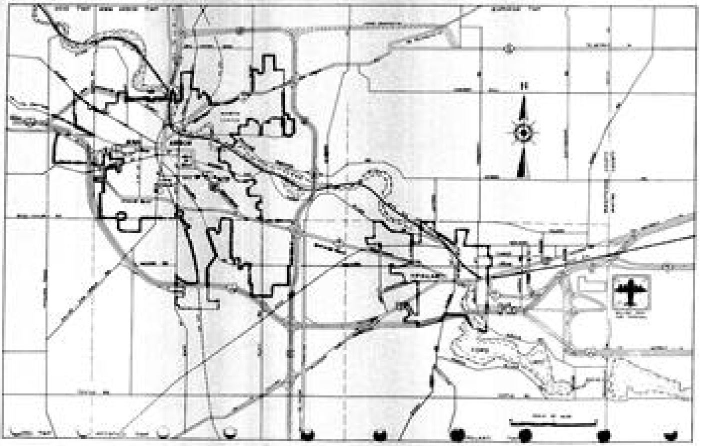

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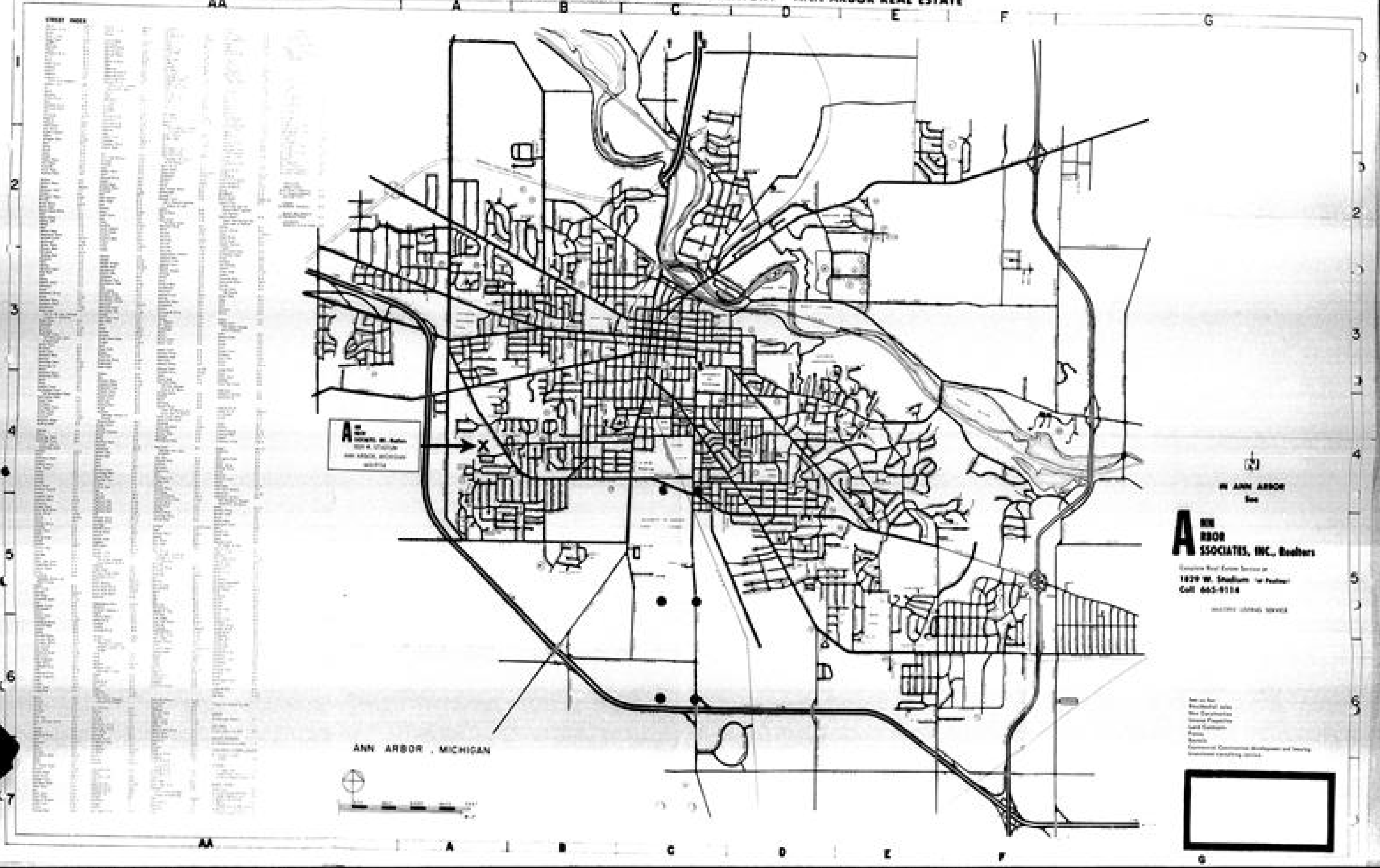
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UFO•S (320)
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ANN ARBOR, MICH., MARCH 21 (AP)-THERE MAY BE SOMETHING BESIDES SPRING IN THE AIR OVER SOUTHERN MICHIGAN.

THREE TIMES IN A WEEK RESIDENTS OF THE NEARBY COMMUNITY OF DEXTER HAVE REPORTED SPOTTING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS FLOATING THROUGH THE NIGHT AIR.

THE LATEST SIGHTINGS WERE MADE LAST NIGHT BY MORE THAN A SCORE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS. OFFICERS USING GEIGER COUNTERS SEARCHED THE AREA TODAY BUT SAID THEY FOUND NOTHING.

•I GOT WITHIN 500 YARDS OF THAT THING AND IT LOOKED PYRAMID-SHAPED. IT HAD A LIGHT HERE AND A LIGHT THERE AND WHAT LOOKED LIKE A PORTHOLE,• SAID FRANK MANNOR, 47, OF DEXTER.

•I STILL DON•T BELIEVE IT,• SAID STAN MCFADDEN, 27, A WASHTENAW COUNTY SHERIFF•S DEPUTY.

DEXTER PATROLMAN ROBERT HUNIWELL SAID THE FLYING OBJECT HE SAW HAD RED AND GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS AND AT ONE TIME ZIPPED DOWN TO HOVER •WITHIN 10 FEET• OF A POLICE PATROL CAR. WHEN IT ROSE AGAIN, SAID HUNIWELL, IT WAS JOINED BY A SIMILAR OBJECT.

MANNOR SAID HE WAS INDOORS WHEN HE NOTICED FLASHING LIGHTS THROUGH A WINDOW.

HIS SON, ROBERT, 19, AND HIS WIFE, LEONA, ALSO SAW THE OBJECT.

•IT WASN•T LIKE THE PICTURES OF A FLYING SAUCER AND IT HAD A CORAL-LIKE SURFACE. I•VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT,• SAID MANNOR.

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ANN ARBOR, MICH.--INSERT UFO•S, A119DT, AFTER NINTH GRAPH •IT WASN•T X X X MANNOR.• (TO UPDATE):

SHERIFF DOUGLAS J. HARVEY, A DISEBELIEVER AT FIRST BUT NOW WONDERING, ASKED WASHINGTON•S HELP MONDAY.

•I DIDN•T BELIEVE THESE REPORTS, EITHER, BUT WITH SO MANY TRAINED POLICE PERSONNEL AND RELIABLE CITIZENS HAVING SEEN THEM (THE OBJECTS), I MUST BELIEVE SOMETHING IS IN THE WASHTENAW COUNTY SKIES,• HARVEY SAID.

HARVEY SAID CONGRESSMAN WESTON VIVIAN, ANN ARBOR DEMOCRAT, IS TO INQUIRE TOMORROW IN WASHINGTON OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS. HE IS TO ASK THEM TO ENTER AN INVESTIGATION.

IN ANY EVENT, HARVEY WANTS A CONTACT WITH THE EXPERTS. HE SAID HE HAD FAILED IN A PERSONAL EFFORT TO REACH THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

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UFO (300)
(WITH WIREPHOTO)

ANN ARBOR, MICH., MARCH 24 (AP)-DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID FITZPATRICK CAME UP TODAY WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF STREAKS OF LIGHT IN THE SKY WHICH HE SAID WERE MADE BY UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS HE OBSERVED SWOOSHING THROUGH SKIES OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN NINE DAYS AGO.

MORE THAN A SCORE OF PERSONS, INCLUDING BOTH DEPUTIES AND POLICEMEN, HAVE REPORTED SIGHTING FLYING OBJECTS AT NIGHT SINCE THEN.

FITZPATRICK MADE HIS PHOTOGRAPHS JUST OUTSIDE MILAN, MICH., 15 MILES DUE SOUTH OF ANN ARBOR, WITH A MINOX MODEL B CAMERA, ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF A MAN'S TWO FOREFINGERS HELD TOGETHER. FITZPATRICK SAID HE LOCKED THE CAMERA, WHICH HAS A 3.5 LENS, OPEN ON TIME EXPOSURE AND KEPT IT THERE FOR 10 AND 12 MINUTES.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW TWO DISTINCT STREAKS OF LIGHT HIGH ABOVE STREET LIGHTS OF CARPENTER ROAD LEADING INTO MILAN. NO DETAILED OBJECTS, HOWEVER, ARE VISIBLE IN THE PHOTOS TAKEN AT 5:30 A.M.

FITZPATRICK SAID HIS CAMERA WAS POINTED SOUTHEASTERNLY AND THAT SHERIFF'S SGT. NUEL K. SCHNEIDER OBSERVED THE FLYING OBJECTS SWISHING ABOUT FROM ABOUT 4 A.M. TO 7 A.M.

"THEY LOOKED," HE SAID, "LIKE A BRILLIANT LIGHT." HE SAID IT WAS A YELLOW-WHITE LIGHT.

STEPPED UP TO 8-X-10 INCHES FROM A FILM SMALLER THAN A POSTAGE STAMP THE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW STREAKS OF BRILLIANT LIGHT.

A133DT

THE LANDING WAS REPORTED BY FRANK MANNOR, 46, A FARMER SOME 12 MILES NORTHWEST OF ANN ARBOR, WHO SAID THE GLOWING OBJECT TOOK OFF BEFORE HE AND A SON COULD REACH IT.

FITZPATRICK SAID HE USED HIS PERSONAL CAMERA, FILM AND TRIPOD TO MAKE THE PICTURES. THE PICTURES WERE RELEASED BY SHERIFF DOUGLAS J. HARVEY.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, A NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ASTROPHYSICIST, SENT HERE BY THE AIR FORCE TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS, HAD NOT SEEN FITZPATRICK'S PHOTOGRAPHS SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

MAJ. HECTOR QUINTANILLA, OF WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE AT DAYTON, OHIO, SAID EARLIER TODAY THE AIR FORCE HOPED TO COME UP WITH A REASONABLE EXPLANATION OF THE OBJECTS WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. HE GAVE NO HINT OF WHAT IT MIGHT BE.

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MIDMORNING ADVISORY
(TIMES ARE EASTERN STANDARD)

A STORY WRAPPING UP LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTED IN MICHIGAN WILL MOVE SOON. AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATOR HAS SCHEDULED A 1 P. M. NEWS CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS HIS PROBE.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT SECRETARY OF STATE RUSK'S NEWS CONFERENCE, ORIGINALLY SET FOR 10:30 A. M., HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NOON.

A LEAD ON THE SOUTH BEND RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE (A40) IS EXPECTED ABOUT 11:30. THE AP-MARCH 25 [illegible]

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TELEGRAPH EDITORS: [illegible]
THE AIR FORCE [illegible] SAYS THE [illegible] IN DETROIT ON THE REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WILL [illegible] 1 P. M. [illegible] 2 P. M. [illegible]. ORIGINALLY [illegible] STAFFING. THE AP-MARCH 25 [illegible]

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DETROIT, FIRST ADD SAUCERS, A155-156 XX NICHOLS

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS IN THE SKY ALSO WERE REPORTED LAST NIGHT AND EARLY TODAY IN A WIDE SECTION OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN WISCONSIN.

THE REPORTS VARIED FROM A MOVING WHITE LIGHT TO ONE WHICH FLASHED RED AND GREEN AT TIMES. [illegible]

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LEAD TO SOME [illegible]

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT, MARCH 25 (AP)-AS REPORTS OF FLYING SAUCERS WHIZZING THROUGH MICHIGAN'S SKIES CONTINUED TO MULTIPLY, AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATOR CALLED A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY TO DISCUSS HIS PROBE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, A NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ASTROPHYSICIST, CALLED THE CONFERENCE AFTER [illegible] INTERVIEWING PEOPLE IN THE ANN ARBOR AND HILLSDALE AREAS WHERE MOST OF THE SIGHTINGS HAVE ORIGINATED.

HYNEK, WHO HAS STUDIED AND INVESTIGATED UFOS FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, CALLED THE CONFERENCE A DAY AFTER THE AIR FORCE SAID IT WOULD HAVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE SIGHTINGS WITHIN 24 HOURS.

SAUCER SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED WITH INCREASING FREQUENCY DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, ESPECIALLY IN EXTREME SOUTHERN LOWER MICHIGAN.

POLICE AT NEARBY YPSILANTI SAID SOME 300 EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY COEDS AND 100 MALE STUDENTS REPORTED SEEING BRIGHT LIGHTS OVER THE SCHOOL'S FOOTBALL FIELD LAST NIGHT AS THEY WATCHED FROM THEIR DORMITORIES.

THREE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY POLICE FORCE, ONE OF THEM A SERGEANT, SAID THEY SAW LIGHTS IN THE SKY WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE FIELD BUT COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WERE OBJECTS.

THE OFFICERS SAID ONE OF THE COEDS TOLD THEM A STRANGE OBJECT HAD LANDED ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD, BUT THEY SAID THEY FOUND NO EVIDENCE ANYTHING HAD TOUCHED DOWN.

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OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS SAID THEY GOT ABOUT 10 CALLS FROM PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A RED, WHITE AND ORANGE OBJECT STREAKING ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY. AT SAGINAW, A SIMILAR OBJECT WAS REPORTED SEEN BY MR. AND MRS. DUANE L. PRUDEN AND THEIR SON, ALLEN, 14. THE SAUGATUCK SIGHTING WAS REPORTED BY MR. AND MRS. ROBERT NICHOLS.

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"I EMPHASIZE... [illegible] OF LAW, THAT THIS IS THE FULL [illegible] SIGHTINGS," SAID DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, A SCIENTIST [illegible] AIR FORCE WHO WAS BROUGHT TO MICHIGAN TO INVESTIGATE A WEEK LONG SERIES OF REPORTS OF MYSTERIOUS CELESTIAL OBJECTS.

HYNEK ADDED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE [illegible] BY MORE THAN 50 NEWSMEN:

"IT APPEARS VERY LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS PARTICULAR WINTER-- AN UNUSUALLY MILD ONE IN THIS AREA--AND THE PARTICULAR WEATHER CONDITIONS. . . WERE SUCH AS TO HAVE PRODUCED THIS UNUSUAL AND PUZZLING DISPLAY."

HYNEK ADDED THAT PHOTOS RELEASED YESTERDAY TO THE PRESS SHOWING TWO LIGHTS IN THE SKY OVER A SERIES OF STREET LIGHTS WERE "WITHOUT ANY QUESTION" TRAILS MADE AS A RESULT OF A TIME EXPOSURE OF THE RISING MOON AND THE PLANET VENUS.

HYNEK SAID THE PHOTOS WERE TAKEN MARCH 17 NEAR MILAN, MICH., ABOUT 25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DETROIT AND HAVE NO REFERENCE TO THE SIGHTINGS AT HILLSDALE, TO THE NORTH, ON MARCH 21.

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HYNEK NOTED THAT MOST OF THE SIGHTINGS WERE NEAR A SWAMP.

"A DISMAL SWAMP IS A MOST UNLIKE,LY PLACE FOR A VISIT FROM OUTER SPACE," HYNEK SAID.

"IT IS NOT A PLACE WHERE A HELICOPTER WOULD HOVER FOR SEVERAL HOURS OR WHERE A SOUNDLESS SECRET DEVICE WOULD LIKELY BE TESTED."

MOST WITNESSES TO THE FLYING OBJECTS DESCRIBED THEM AS HAVING GLOWING LIGHTS, SOME RED, GREEN AND YELLOW AND APPERING TO MOVE SIDEWAYS AND MOVE A SHORT DISTANCE.

HYNEK SAID THAT SUCH A SIGHT IS NOT TO BE SEEN FREQUENTLY AND AS A MATTER OF FACT IS OF A UNIQUE CHARACTER.

"I HAVE NEVER SEEN IT MYSELF," HE SAID, "AND I CAN EASILY UNDERSTAND THE DISMAY OF THE WITNESSES WHO SAW IT AND WHO SINCERELY AND ACCURATELY DESCRIBED WHAT THEY SAW."

HYNEK SAID IT SEEMED LIKELY THAT PRESENT SPRING THAWS RELEASED TRAPPED GASES RESULTING FROM DECOMPOSITION OF ORGANIC MATERIALS.

"IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SIGHTINGS WITH SWAMPS IN THESE PARTICULAR CASES IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE," HYNEK DECLARED.

"NO GROUP OF WITNESSES OBSERVED ANY CRAFT COMING TO OR GOING AWAY FROM THE SWAMPS. THE GLOW WAS LOCALIZED THERE."

HYNEK SAID THAT HE WANTED IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HE WAS NOT MAKING A BLANKET STATEMENT TO COVER THE ENTIRE UFO PHENOMENON OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS IN THIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

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UFOs Again Reported Over Michigan Area

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—(AP)—There may be something besides spring in the air over southern Michigan.

Three times in a week residents of the nearby community of Dexter have reported spotting unidentified flying objects floating through the night air.

The latest sightings were made by more than a score of persons, including police officers. Officers using geiger counters searched the area yesterday but said they found nothing.

"I got within 500 yards of that thing and it looked pyramid-shaped. It had a light here and a light there and what looked like a porthole," said Frank Mannor, 47, of Dexter.

"I still don't believe it," said Stan McFadden, 27, a Washtenaw county sheriff's deputy.

Dexter Patrolman Robert Huniwell said the flying object he saw had red and green flashing lights and at one time zipped down to hover "within 10 feet" of a police patrol car. When it rose again, said Huniwell, it was joined by a similar object.

Mannor said he was indoors when he noticed flashing lights through a window.

His son, Robert, 19, and his wife, Leona, also saw the object.

"It wasn't like the pictures of a flying saucer and it had a coral-like surface. I've never seen anything like it," said Mannor.

McFadden was one of about 20 deputies in seven patrol cars sent to the area to investigate Mannor's report.

He said he and deputy Dave Fitzpatrick tried to reach the object by walking up to it but that it flew off as they approached.

Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor who was accompanied by Patrolman N. G. Lee, said, "we saw it from the hill. It looked it was down in the swamp. We saw the red glow and with binoculars we could see it. It was a pulsating red light. When we got into the swamp there wasn't anything there."

Flying objects are not new to Michigan, especially in warmer weather when more people are outdoors.

Previous sightings were made in the Dexter area last Thursday and a week ago Sunday. Police pictures made at the time failed to develop. A rash of sightings was reported last October in the Coldwater, Mich., area. An air Force spokesman said at the time that radar showed nothing unusual in the area.

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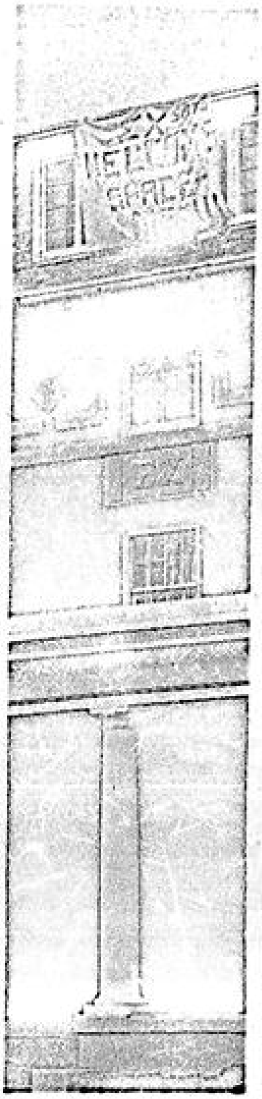

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U. S. Asked

The U. S. Defense Department and the U.S. Air Force have been officially "invited" into a widening investigation of strange, flying objects seen over Washtenaw County three times in the past eight days.

Rep. Weston E. Vivian of the Second Congressional District told Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey late yesterday he will make an official inquiry of the Defense Department and the Air Force today concerning the unidentified flying objects.

Harvey had told the Ann Arbor congressman that he had been ignored in repeated attempts to contact federal officials about the sightings.

Vivian said the incidents "certainly should be looked into by the U.S. Government."

Meanwhile the Sheriff's Department pushed an intensive investigation of the incidents with Washtenaw County Civil Defense Director Gerald Miller and Michigan State Police who yesterday afternoon were ordered into the probe by Frederick E. Davids, commissioner of the state force. Davids also is state director of Civil Defense.

Yesterday afternoon Harvey, Miller and a half-dozen deputies and detectives visited the Brand-Quigley Rds. area in Dexter Township where one of the "flying saucers" reportedly made a brief landing last Sunday night. Frank Manner of 10600 McGuiness, on whose farm the object supposedly landed, recounted to Harvey and Miller the sightings he and his son, Ronald, made of the object.

Manner said the object with glowing red and green lights was in a marshy area and about 500 yards from him and his son. When Ronald spoke, the lights went out momentarily

He Describes Flying

Frank Manner, 46, of Dexter Township, shown here with his teen-age son, Ronald, describes the strange, flying object which he says landed briefly in a swampy area near his home abo dozen sheriff's saw flying obj area.

Assessment Program Defended

Answering charges that the city's assessment reappraisal program is discriminatory, City Assessor Walter H. Lahde last night said all assessments in the city are based on 1964 sales figures.

Donald G. McGuigan, 1614 Morton, charged in a letter to the council that the city's current reappraisal program violates the uniform taxing procedures set up in the new Constitution. He claimed that some of the city assessments are based on 1962-63 figures while a small section (the Burns Park area) is based on 1965 figures.

He said the city's program of reassessing about 20 per cent of the city annually is "discriminatory" and said any taxpayer could get a court ruling

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and the object reappeared some distance away. Moments later it was gone, Manner said.

Sheriff's Detective Harold Kerr used a Geiger counter throughout the area where Manner said he saw the object, but no trace of radioactivity was found. The sheriff said there was "absolutely no physical evidence" of an object landing in or near the swamp.

"By this I mean there was no scorched or burned grass, no depression in the ground, brush or weeds, no imprint which a vehicle of any type might make and no tracks or ground impressions," Harvey reported.

The sheriff has had all deputies who saw one of the objects Sunday night write complete reports on their experiences, and he is combining those reports with others made when deputies saw other objects last Wednesday night and on March 14.

Harvey said a rumor that his department had a film taken of one of the objects apparently stemmed from pictures taken last Wednesday night by deputies who were some distance from the objects and snapped several pictures. He said the film has been sent to New York for processing but it is considered doubtful that anything of value is on the film.

Harvey said he was making no "hard and fast judgment on these reports."

"I know my men and I trust their reports," he said. "I don't know what it is, but I'm sure they have seen something aloft."

The reports of the "flying saucers" brought scores of requests by far-flung news media for more detail from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. The County Jail switchboard reported receiving calls from radio and television stations and newspapers in Hawaii, Canada, California, New York City and Miami, Fla.

Yesterday afternoon as the sheriff and county CD director were preparing to leave the jail for the Manner farm to check the "landing area," there were 11 different news media representatives awaiting interviews.

Last night crowds of curious ignored a drenching rain and continued thunder and lightning to visit the Manner farm area.

Sheriff's deputies said they received several reports of new sightings last night, but nothing was found when the reports were checked out. One of the reports was made by John Monahan of 206 W. Washington St. who told deputies he and his family saw strange, flying objects in the sky over N. Territorial Rd. near Hadley Rd. in Lyndon Township and again over Dexter Rd. in Scio Township.

While Washtenaw County seems to be the center for the "flying saucer" viewings for now, the local area apparently doesn't have exclusive rights to the strange happenings.

William Van Horn, 41-year-old Civil Defense director for Hillsdale County, reported he and 87 Hillsdale College coeds watched an eerie, hovering flying object in a swampy hollow near a school dormitory last night.

Van Horn said he watched the unidentified object through binoculars for three hours. He said it emitted wavering orange, red and white lights and hovered over the swamp about 1,000 yards from the girls' dormitory.

The U.S. Air Force said today it was calling in Dr. H. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., to investigate the sightings in Washtenaw and Hillsdale Counties. Hynek who will work out of Selfridge Air Force Base near Mt. Clemens is scientific consultant to the Air Force "Project Blue Book," the official program to track down flying object reports.

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Council Postpones Attorney Subject

By Ron Cordray

Discussion of policies relating to the hiring of outside help by the city attorney's office was postponed by the City Council last night.

Fourth Ward Councilman John P. Hathaway

or that it would be substantial. In the unlikely circumstance of a sudden emergency, I would inform the council at its next meeting," he said.

Farhner also said the retention of the Detroit attorney "was the only retention of coun-

reviewed and continued by successive councils since that date. I believe it is a matter of known fact that I spend at least 40 hours a week on city business. This is generally between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and often evenings and weekends, sometimes on

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Landing Of 'Sa

LANSING UPI) —Fredrick E. Davids, state police commissioner and Michigan civil defense chief, said today he is launching an investigation into reports of unidentified flying objects near Ann Arbor.

"I used to discount these reports, too, but now I'm not so sure," Davids said.

By William B. Treml

Washtenaw County, which in the past week has become the "flying saucer center" of the Midwest, again was in the news spotlight last night with a flurry of "saucer" reports, including one which said an object had actually landed in Dexter Township.

More than 40 police officers from the Sheriff's Department, Dexter and Chelsea village Police Departments, and State Police joined area residents in a prolonged but futile search for the "landed" craft. However, more than a half-dozen of the searchers said they saw strange flying objects or lights from the objects during the five - hour hunt.

The report which began the massive search came from Robert Wagner of Dexter and Frank Manner who lives on a farm at 10600 McGinnis in Dexter Township. Wagner told sheriff's deputies at 8:30 p.m. yesterday that a strange flying object appeared to land in a swampy area on the McGinnis property at the intersection of Quigley and Brand Rds. That intersection is just south of W. North Territorial Rd. and east of the Dexter Town Hall Rd., about five miles north and west of the village of Dexter.

Manner, 46, said he and his 18-year-old son, Ronald, went out in search of the landed object moments after they said they saw it descend to the ground.

Manner said he and his son saw an object in the swamp which appeared to be brown in color and had a "quilted" effect on the surface. It was flat on the bottom and cone-shaped toward the top, Manner related.

There were two small lights at the outer edges of the object which issued a glowing bluish-green color, he said. That colo intensified and turned t brilliant red at times.

Several times when the objec became brightly lighted, the entire object was yellow-white i color and the light ran horizontally between the two oute "running" lights, Manner said As the Manners watched, th small lights at the edge of th craft suddenly went out and i an instant the object appeare across the swamp about 50 yards away from its orginal position, deputies were told.

When flashlights used by approaching deputies touched th area, the light from the objec became very bright and the went completely out, Manner said.

"We then heard the sound o a whistle — something like a rifle bullet makes when it ricochets off something," Manne said. "Then this object went u in the air, passed directly ove us and disappeared."

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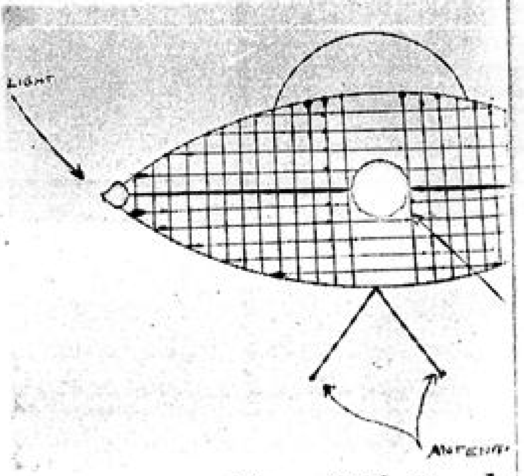

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This drawing of one of the unidentified flying objects reported over Dexter Township last night was made by Sheriff's Cpl. David B. Severance from descriptions provided by a half-dozen witnesses gr size of the o which appea

Reports Set On City Use Of Lawyers

Reports relating to procedures involved in hiring outside counsel for the city attorney's office will be presented to the City Council at its regular 7:30 p.m. meeting today.

The council will also be presented with a resolution prepared by Fourth Ward Councilman John R. Hathaway which define the powers of the city attorney in obtaining outside help.

In other business tonight, the council will conduct a public hearing on an amendment to the noise control ordinance

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the Dexter Village Police Department said he saw what appeared to be the same object which baffled the Manners. Hunawill had parked his scout car at the Quigley-Brand intersection, while Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor and Patrolman Nolan Lee entered the search area with sheriff's deputies.

Hunawill said the object suddenly appeared over his patrol car at a height of about 1,000 feet. The object had white and red lights on it which at times had a bluish tinge. It hovered over the scout car and then made continuing sweeps over the swamp where the first object had been reported down, Hunawill said.

He said he watched it for five to 10 minutes before it was joined by three other objects and the objects flew in formation in two's, with one set flying high above the second two. They all finally disappeared into the sky, Hunawill said.

Later Uniformed Sheriff's Deputies Stanley McFadden and David Fitzpatrick reported shining a searchlight from their scout car on one of the objects. The officers had taken part in the swamp search near Quigley Rd., had seen the brilliant white-red light and were patrolling on N. Territorial Rd. near Mast Rd. after the light disappeared.

Suddenly, a strange, lighted object appeared overhead and the deputies immediately turned on a spotlight on their cruiser and aimed it at the object.

"From what we could see the object was as large as a small house, kind of pushed down flat," said McFadden, a veteran of seven years' police work with the Ann Arbor Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. "It had red-green lights on it and movements which could not possibly be made by any aircraft I've ever heard of."

McFadden and Fitzpatrick said that as they watched, the object it suddenly turned and disappeared to the north.

After that report, Sheriff's Detectives Charles J. Anderson and Harold Kerr who had been called to the Quigley-Brand area by Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey were returning to headquarters when they spotted another strange object in the sky over Island Lake Rd. They pursued the object westward until it disappeared.

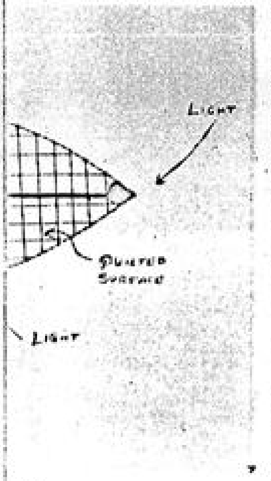
Chelsea village police also reported seeing unidentified flying objects near the village, with Patrolman Charles Sharp reporting he pursued one of the objects in his scout car but lost it.

The sheriff said his men found no evidence of a landing having been made in the Dexter Township area.

"If there actually is some type of flying object now making periodic visits, this theory of one coming down for a brief moment and the others hovering over the area for protection seems logical," the sheriff said. "Right now we're not discounting anything."

The original point of last night's sightings was at almost exactly the spot where Charles Wiedman of 5911 Madden Rd., Dexter Township, reported a flying object more than five years ago.

Wiedman and his son ran from their farm house one night when they saw a lighted object come down in an area near their home. Wiedman later told sheriff's men the object took off almost straight upward when they approached it and disappeared.



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Kelley Alters PCHA Charges

(Special to The News)

GROSSE POINTE — Atty. Gen. Frank J. Kelley late this morning obtained warrants in Grosse Pointe Municipal Court charging two former Peoples Community Hospital Authority officers with "unlawfully using or allowing to be used public monies of the PCHA and disbursing public monies for unlawful purposes."

The warrants were issued by Grosse Pointe Muncipal Judge

PCHA investigation and because of new facts which have come to light recently, new warrants will be requested.

"In the meantime it is deemed advisable and fair to dismiss the pending conspiracy charge against Messrs. Gremore, Rodwell and Fitzpatrick for which there was to be an examination today (in Detroit's Common Pleas Court).

"The new charges will be detailed at the time of the issu-

3 UFOs Explained; Find Flares

HILLSDALE — The rash of reports of mysterious flying objects continued Wednesday and today in Hillsdale County as hundreds of persons armed with cameras and binoculars searched the night skies.

At least three reported sightings were proven false by city police, who along with the State Police and the sheriff's department have stopped recording all the reports.

Meanwhile, a Pennsylvania man has blamed the sightings on "damp gas" rising from sqampy ground, and Jeane Dixon, self-styled prophetess who reportedly predicted the assassination of President Kennedy, has said the objects are not from outer space.

City Police said a report of an orange and red object hovering east of the city, spotted by residents of the Chi Omega sorority house of Hillsdale College, was a reflection from a weather vane at the municipal airport. A second report, of a red object floating "about 10 miles from the city," was a light reflecting from a radar tower on Reading Avenue, police said.

As patrolmen were investigating that report, they were stopped by several boys who saw a flashing red light on W. Bacon Street. That was a blinking, unsteady porch light, police said.

Still unexplained is the reported sighting Tuesday evening by Mrs. Larry Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Lo Presto and 12-year-old Susan Merrill of two objects, one red and orange, the other blue and green, moving across the sky at high speed.

One of the objects had no distinct outline, but Susan said the other was shaped like a football.

William Van Horn, Hillsdale County civil defense director, reported the discovery of the remains of several flares near Hillsdale College, and said there would be arrests if pranksters were caught perpetrating a hoax.

Police in Westport, Conn., Wednesday said five persons there purchased weather balloons, inflated them with gas and attached railroad flares to cause UFO reports.

Alfred Dickens, a maintenance man for the York County, Pa. Gas Co., said Wednesday the reported objects could be gaseous formations emitted from marshes in Hillsdale and Ann Arbor. Dicken said he witnessed similar phenonoma on his parents' farm in McAlester, Okla.

"We used to see these things quite often," he said. "We called them 'Jack-O-Lanterns' and my brother and I would chase them through the swamps and thresh them about with sticks, breaking them into smaller shapes.

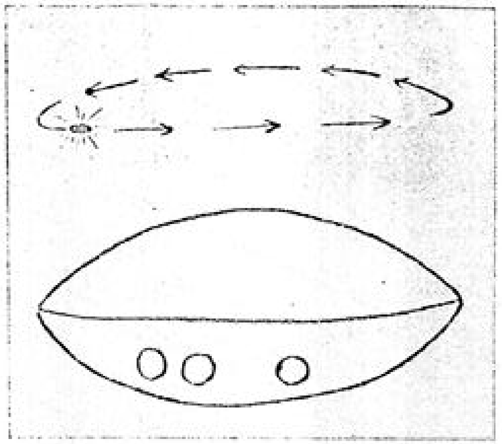
Dickens said the objects were a formation of luminous gas from decaying leaves which would float through the woods on air currents.

Mrs. Dixon, who has been foretelling the future for three decades and claims to have predicted events from the Alaskan earthquake in 1964 to the removal of the adenoids of her secretary's son, said she thinks the objects are from earth.

"I think they are planes or military craft of some kind — but not from outer space," she said Wednesday. 'I think they are from the other side — they are either from the enemy, or our own Air Force."

She says she gets her predictions from a psychic reaction—a kind of vibration. "I can even get vibrations over the phone," she once said.

She said she does not get atmospheric vibrations that the UFO's now being sighted in Michigan and the eastern part of the United States are extraterresterial.



HILLSDAIE OBJECTS — Mrs. Jason Merrill of Hillsdale nade these drawings of unidentified flying objects which her daughter, Susan, 12, viewed and described Tuesday night. Broken line at top indicates path of a point of light which circles the object intermittently. The object was described as 20-25 feet across and 15 feet high, with three lights in the lower half flashing red, white and green, but in no particular sequence. (AP Photo)

From Our Point Of View:

Flying Saucer Reports Come On Big News Day

THE chief topic of conversation in these parts lately has been the unidentified flying objects seen in the skies over southeastern Michigan the past two weeks. The sighting of what was supposedly a UFO near Dexter last Sunday night was followed by a report one night later of another flying object which hovered over a hollow near a Hillsdale College dormitory.

Within a very short time, Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County came in for a liberal spate of national publicity. Calls were received from as far away as Los Angeles and Miami, and suddenly the area was swarming with representatives of the different news media. "Saucer" jokes became the new laugh-getter and people took a new interest in night skies.

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IT IS CERTAIN that Dexter farmer Frank Mannor, the Hillsdale College coeds and Sheriff Doug Harvey's deputies saw something that appeared to glow and move rapidly aloft. The popular notion that these objects are "extraterrestial" and operated by intelligent beings from some distant planet is entertained seriously by some, scoffed at by others.

One of the scores of telephone calls to The News regarding the reported sightings was from a Los Angeles newspaper. The caller wanted to know what The News was doing "to quiet the population." The only reply the reporter could think of was "Who's excited?"

Warden Paul Sartwell of the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan was probably just as happy that the Ann Arbor area was the focus of national attention for the UFO story and the possible AEC accelerator site Tuesday. It helped in his efforts to move notorious prisoner Joseph Valachi into the prison with a minimum of attention.

The question of whether man is alone in the universe has been discussed and debated for a long time. Even the most knowledgeable and scholarly men have made serious errors in judgement, and perhaps it is naive, even presumptuous, to automatically reject the idea that man may have company in distant reaches of the universe. Intelligent life on other planets may never be discovered, but one of the incidentals of the U.S. space program is to find out whether our neighboring planets support life in one form or another.

Saucer Sightings Soaring in State

Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO) darting across the skies of southeastern Michigan mounted Wednesday as an Air Force investigating team continued its probe of earlier sightings.

The latest sightings were reported Tuesday night in Hillsdale and Washtenaw counties, where similar sightings were reported Sunday and Monday night.

In another development, a 16-year-old Monroe-area boy produced a film which he said contained a picture of a "flying saucer" that flew over his house Friday night.

Dr. H. Allen Hynek, a top Air Force scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects, spent Wednesday interviewing witnesses of earlier sightings. Dr. Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist, is conducting his investigation in secrecy.

Commenting on the Michigan sightings, Dr. Hynek said: "These reports are more consistent than most of the other sightings I've investigated."

Frank Mannor, of Dexter, who reported a flying object landed near his home Sunday night, reported Wednesday that vandals had smashed the windshield of his car.

Air Force Sends Top UFO Expert To Check Michigan Sightings

HILLSDALE, Mich.—(UPI)—A civil defense director, an assistant dean and 87 coeds reported yesterday they watched a glowing object zip past a college dormitory and hover in a swamp for hours.

Their description of the eerie object seen here Monday night tallied closely with that of one seen by more than 50 persons, including 12 policemen, near Ann Armor, Mich., the previous night.

The Air Force dispatched its top scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFO) to launch an investigation.

The witnesses said they watched from the second floor of a Hillsdale college girls' dormitory as the object wobbled, wavered, glowed eerily and once zipped right at a dormitory window before stopping suddenly.

Mrs. Kelly Hearn, for seven years a newspaper reporter before becoming assistant dean of women, assistant professor of English and housemother of the dorm, had the coetds take notes as they watched the object for four hours.

They and William Van Horn, 41, Hillsdale county civil defense director, said the object dimmed its lights when police cars approached, brightened again when they went away, and dodged an Air Force beacon light.

Barbara Kohn, 21, New Castle, Pa., and Cynthia Poffenberger, 18, Cleveland, were the first to see the object. They described its shape as roughly that of a football. It was roughly the same description given by a man and his son who reported they saw an eerie object land in a swamp Sunday night 45 miles northeast of here near Ann Arbor.

The Air Force announced it was bringing in Dr. H. Allen Hyneck, chairman of Dearborn observatory at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., and scientific consultant to the Air Force's "Project Blue Book" program to track down the reports of unidentified flying objects.

Hyneck set up his headquarters at Selfridge Air Force base, Mount Clemens, Mich., near the southern Michigan section where UFOs have been reported several times lately.

Pentagon To Get Aid Plea

The U.S. Air Force dispatched an astrophysicist to Michigan Tuesday, and Rep. Weston Vivian (D., Mich.) announced he would ask the Department of Defense for help.

Both moves resulted from a rash of mysterious flying objects seen in southern Michigan skies the past few nights.

Vivian

En route to cast an experienced eye on the flashing lights and odd flight routines of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, of Northwestern University, who has been checking out such phenomena for the Air Force for 18 years. In that time he has investigated more than 100 other UFO sightings.

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HYNEK will operate out of Selfridge Air Force Base in conducting his investigation into the UFO sightings, principally in the Ann Arbor area.

ut the field was expanded sday with reported sight-gs in Hillsdale and in the arren-Clinton Township area.

Most of the recent southern Michigan UFOs have played to large audiences, including law enforcement officers with a considerable supply of built-in skepticism.

There was a crowd in the vicinity when a large glowing object settled into a swamp near the farm home of Frank Mannor near Ann Arbor Sunday night. A dozen policemen and deputies, as well as about 40 others, watched as Frank and his son Ronald, 18, trudged into the swamp to track the thing down.

They saw four other glowing objects hover in the sky as if guarding the one on the ground. The latter sped off as if alarmed when Ronald spoke from about 500 yards.

The retreating objects were chased by a half-dozen police cars, but the earthbound vehicles could not keep pace with the flying visitors.

Monday night, Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn, 41, watched with 87 Hillsdale College co-eds as a mysterious lighted object cavorted for three hours some 1,000 to 1,500 yards from the college.

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Van Horn said the object he and girls saw was about 20 feet across. He said there were no colors.

"It was definitely some type of vehicle," Van Horn said. "It would rise to a point just below the airport beacon about two miles east of the college and then would start settling down toward the earth again."

IT WAS JUST about dusk Monday when a UFO showed up over the Warren-Clinton Township area.

It was reported by witnesses in the Mound-Fourteen Mile area, Nine Mile-Van Dyke area, and hovering over Warren Police Headquarters.

A Clinton Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeVoe, said they first thought the object was a plane in trouble because it appeared to be emitting considerable smoke.

But the smoke stopped and the object halted in mid-air — just hung there in one spot—and they got a good look at it.

AF Experts Probe Reported Ghost Ship in Michigan

Pulsating Object Landed Near Ann Arbor, Farmer Says

HILLSDALE, Mich., Mar. 23 — (UPI) — An Air Force investigating team today trudged through soggy farm fields and interviewed persons who reported sighting a glowing "ghost ship" in an attempt to identify the mysterious object.

Scores of persons, ranging from farmers to policemen to college coeds and a dean, said they saw the hovering object during the past few days.

DR. J. ALLEN Hynek, the top Air Force scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFOs), yesterday quizzed a farm family near Ann Arbor, Mich. Frank Mannor, the farmer, had reported that a pulsating object landed in a swamp on his land Sunday and was observed by his family and by sheriff's deputies.

Fifty persons in the Ann Arbor area reported similar sightings Monday and their descriptions were similar to those of 87 coeds at Hillsdale college who said they saw an object bob up and down in marshland near their dormitory Monday night.

HYNEK'S investigation was conducted in secrecy and a spokesman at Selfridge Air Force base would only say that the Northwestern university astrophysicist planned to continue his search of the southern Michigan area through today.

It was not known if Hynek planned to go to Hillsdale.

The Hillsdale college girls and their dean attempted to scientifically document the sighting but failed for lack of photographic and recording equipment. Some laughed and shed little light on what they observed.

IN ADDITION to the coeds in a women's dormitory, the object was sighted by Mrs. Kelly Hearn, an assistant dean of women who was a newspaper reporter in Taos, N. M., for seven years before joining the college staff.

When she was called to the window to see an eerily glowing object in a swampy valley near the building, Mrs. Hearn organized 26 coeds in two adjoining rooms so they could pool their information.

UNABLE to find a tape recorder, camera or short hand stenographer, she designated Sara Robechek, 19, a Cleveland, O., freshman, to keep track of the group's agreed-upon findings in longhand.

Brand New Saucers

Anyone who thinks General Motors is a big outfit ought to consider the company that manufactures all those flying saucers. Now there's a whopping business.

Saucers come in all sizes and designs as people in southern Michigan, who sighted some the other night, will attest. There's the popular glow model which discreetly camouflages itself as a star. There's the distinctive hovering model equipped with a variety of flashing lights. Then there's the sports model that literally can disappear in a flash. (Racing stripe optional)

While last year's saucers won wide response from earthlings, the new 1966 models promise to give saucer makers their greatest year ever.

Stan McFadden, A Washtenaw county, Mich., sheriff's deputy, who spotted one of the new saucers, said, "I still don't believe it." Frank Mannor of Dexter, Mich., said, "It wasn't like the pictures of a flying saucer and it had a coral-like surface. He added that it was pyramid-shaped and had a porthole. (Obviously, Mr. Mannor was viewing the deluxe model with twin nuclears.)

Of course, there are some who won't believe Mr. Mannor or Deputy McFadden. Even pictures of the sleek foreign craft get the pooh-pooh. But those who appreciate a good machine know that somewhere in space there's a giant assembly line where thousand of little green men in safety shoes are pounding and welding, wiring and painting.

Now if someone would just catch the license number of one of those saucers—maybe GM could seal a franchise.

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Journal-Herald

Expert Calls UFO Reports Consistent

No Speculation Yet On Causes Behind Michigan Lights

ANN ARBOR, Mich — (UPI) — The top Air Force expert on unidentified flying objects said yesterday recent reports of a glowing object seen throughout southern Michigan are "more consistent" than most he has investigated.

Dr. H. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, chief scientific adviser for the Air Force Project Blue Book, refused to speculate however, on what might be behind the rash of UFO sightings in recent days.

Hynek, dressed in fatigues and hip boots for his close-up look at a swamp near Dexter, Mich., where a farmer reported the ghost ship landed Sunday night, said "I'm still gathering the facts."

Hynek has been in the area since Tuesday, interviewing witnesses and examining areas where the object was reported. His investigation has been carried on behind Air Force secrecy but he made yesterday's comments when encountered at the Dexter police station where he was questioning the police chief and several officers.

"It's like reports from people who saw a fire," the goateed astrophysicist said. "You get as many different facts as you get people who saw the fire. So far, all I've been able to come up with is reports of a variety of lights.

"These reports are more consistent than most of the other sightings I've investigated," he said.

Hynek said "I wish we had some photographs of this and more technical observers. The ideal situation would be to have a spectograph trained on the object to determine its makeup. I wish we had them available.

"Frequently these things turn out to be usual things seen under unusual circumstances," he said.

WPAFB Prober Rules Out Hoax In Saucer Case

A local spokesman for the Air Force ruled out a hoax in the Michigan "flying saucer" mystery last night and said a "reasonable explanation" will be ready by noon today.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla, project officer for the national Unidentified Aerial Phenomena office at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, was not surprised by reports that the unidentified objects reported in Michigan may have been simulated by flares, as in Westport, Conn., Wednesday.

"I don't think this is a case of publicity seekers playing games," Quintanilla said, "But incidents of this sort just make it tougher for legitimate investigations of UFO's that actually mystify people."

Police Capt. Louis Rosenau, of Westport, Conn., reported the use of flares attached to weather balloons to perpetrate an apparent hoax.

The reports from Michigan began last Sunday when several persons, including police officers, reported triangular-shaped craft hovering close to the ground.

Quintanilla said that his office began investigation Tuesday and that Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astrophysicist and adviser to the national UFO office here, has been visiting Ann Arbor, Dexter, Hillsdale and several other cities where reports originated.

"He has been talking directly with the people who sighted objects," Quintanilla said, "He told me this afternoon (Thursday) that he would be up late tonight with research."

The major also has T/Sgt. David Moody, his assistant, in Michigan working on the investigation.

Quintanilla reports that they have checked off all of the things that the objects could have been, but were not, and investigation is now centered on positive information.

One of the reports came from William Van Horn, civil defense director of Hillsdale county, who said he saw the flying object east of Hillsdale Monday. He said it was "definitely some type of vehicle." He added it was about 20 feet across but that its boundaries were indistinguishable.

Quintanilla said that a press conference will probably be held today at Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, under the direction of Dr. Hynek.

Detroit Free Press

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Air Force to Explain 'Saucers'

What are those mysterious, glowing, flying objects that have aroused so much furor in southeastern Michigan this week?

The Air Force said Thursday that it expects to come up with a reasonable, logical answer sometime Friday.

The Air Force investigation, said Maj. Hector Quintanilla, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, O., is "beginning to shape up. We hope to have a reasonable explanation sometime tomorrow."

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QUINTANILLA is the project officer in charge of the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) office.

The Air Force, which has been checking out UFO reports for nearly 20 years, has come up with some dandy explanations in the past. Quintanilla didn't indicate which of them might fit the current Michigan situation or whether we might be able to add a new one to the collection.

But enough people have seen these apparitions, with their flashing colored lights and weird flight patterns, for the Air Force to send one of their top civilian investigators, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, to check into the situation.

Hynek, astrophysicist at Northwestern University, has been looking into UFOs for 18 years for the Air Force and says that so far he has found no evidence to indicate that any of the mysterious sights in the sky are the result of "extraterrestrial intelligence."

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HE EXPLAINED that this means that they aren't little green men from Mars or Venus swooping down on us with their anti-gravity-powered space saucers.

So the official Air Force explanation isn't expected to satisfy those who watched the saucers soaring over Dexter, Hillsdale, Warren, Clinton Township and various other places.

It may agree with Alfred Dickens, of York, Pa., a maintenance man for the York County Gas Co., who snorts at saucers and says the phenomena are merely balls of "damp gas" seeping from swamps and marshes.

Also called "Jack-o-Lanterns," they form in warm, still air and are blown by light breezes so that they dance around, he said.

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DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, POLICE CHIEF TAYLOR Study UFO Citing Reports at Dexter, Mich.—UPI.

MICHIGAN 'SAUCER'

Report on UFO Expected Soon

By JACK JONES, Daily News Staff Writer

The Air Force hopes to crack the latest Michigan "flying saucer" mystery within 24 hours, the officer in charge of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena office at Wright-Paterson Air Force base said this morning.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla said the investigation into the mysterious sightings in the Ann Arbor area is "beginning to shape up" and he hopes to have a reasonable explanation some time tomorrow.

DR. J. ALLEN Hynek, Northwestern university astrophysicist and scientific adviser to the Air Force on unidentified flying objects, was on his way to Hillsdale, Mich., this morning.

He plans to interview the Hillsdale college coeds and their dean who saw the glowing object, Quintanilla said.

The major said he has sent T/Sgt. David Moody of his office to Michigan to confer with Dr. Hynek this afternoon. Moody is Quintanilla's assistant in the Project Blue Book office and has had considerable experience with UFO investigations.

AN AIRMAN from Selfridge AFB at Mt. Clemens, Mich., has also been helping in the investigations, according to Quintanilla.

He said investigations so far have made it possible to rule out quite a number of things.

"Sometimes negative answers are almost as helpful as positive ones," he said.

WITH SO MANY witnesses, he said, it takes quite a while to check them all and get the details, elevations, angles, times and other facts needed for a complete investigation, Quintanilla said.

Scores of persons, ranging from farmers to policemen, also said they saw the hovering, glowing object during the past week end.

Pranksters Busy After UFO Talk

BULLETIN

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The Air Force said here today it hopes to come up with an explanation within the next 24 hours for the unidentified flying objects sighted in southeastern Michigan in recent days.

Maj. Hector Quintanilla, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, project officer in charge of the Unidentified Flying Objects Office, said the investigation of the Michigan sightings is "beginning to shape up . . . we hope to have a reasonable explanation sometime Friday."

The Air Force office got into the investigation after numerous reports were received of the objects being seen three times within a week in the Ann Arbor area and in the nearby town of Dexter, Mich.

Working with the Air Force in the investigation is Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist and UFO project consultant. He has been asked to check on the reports of strange, glowing objects in the night skies.

The local investigation of the "flying saucer" phenomena slowed to a walk today as pranksters and vandals took over the scene and sheriff's deputies began a nighttime patrol of the "landing" area in Dexter Township.

No new reports of sightings occurred last night.

Dr. J. Allen Hynck, an astrophysicist from Northwestern University who is probing the Washtenaw County unidentified flying objects, walked through the swamp on the Frank Mannor farm at 10600 McGinnis Rd. yesterday afternoon but came away confused. It was Mannor and his 19-year-old son Ronald, who reported seeing a lighted, flying object alight in the swamp about 8:30 p.m. last Sunday night. It flew away when the Mannor boy spoke, sheriff's deputies were told.

Dr. Hynck, retained by the Air Force to investigate "UFO's", said he is "still gathering facts."

"But it's like getting reports from a dozen people who saw a fire," Dr. Hunck said. "Everyone saw something different. However, I will say that these Washtenaw County reports are more consistent than most of the sightings I've investigated."

The scientist said he came up with no new evidence after tramping through the Mannor marsh and interviewing the Mannors, sheriff's deputies and others who saw the strange lights last Sunday.

The Mannor family has been besieged with crank calls, vandalism and nighttime prowlers since news of the sightings on their land was made public.

Sheriff Douglas J. Harvey has ordered a scout car to circle the area near the Mannor home during the nighttime hours because of the incidents.

Vandals have broken the windshield on the Mannor car, tossed broken bottles on their porch, chided them about seeing the objects with midnight telephone calls and roamed across the Mannor property after dark, the sheriff said.

"I think these acts speak pretty well for the level of intelligence of these vandals," Sheriff Harvey said. "My men are under orders to make arrests and bring these people in. We're going to stop this harrassment one way or another."

Six Whitmore Lake teen-agers were taken into custody after a prank involving a "homemade" saucer.

Sheriff's men said the youths —all 16 and 17 years old — made a wood and tin-foil "saucer" in shop class at Whitmore Lake High School yesterday. The youths placed a car headlight on the object and attached flashlights at the edges of it.

The boys then placed the four-foot-in-diameter object in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wheeler at 2860 Barker Rd., Northfield Township. When the Wheelers were pulling their car into their driveway about 8:15 p.m. yesterday the youths ran up and told of seeing a "flying saucer" in the yard. They warned the Wheelers not to touch the object as it "might be dangerous."

Sheriff's deputies confiscated the "saucer" and brought the six boys to the County Jail for questioning. They were released to their parents and are to be interviewed later by Youth Bureau Cpl. George W. Miller.

While the initial rush of news media to the County Jail has slowed Sheriff Harvey reported his office continues to receive telephone calls from far-distant radio and television stations and newspapers.

Uniformed Sgt. Nuel K. Schneider who, with other deputies made the second sighting of flying objects eight days ago, is to be flown to New York City tomorrow to appear on a television interview about his experience. Sheriff Harvey, Sgt. Schneider and Deputy David Fitzpatrick are to appear on a Detroit television interview Sunday while other deputies who saw the objects or investigated the Mannor sightings have given more than 20-tape-recorded statements for radio.

A Montreal interview crew from a television station appeared at the jail this morning to film talks with officers and Mannor and his son.

Newspaper editors from various U.S. cities have contacted The Ann Arbor News for further information on the "saucers." Three national news magazines have had representatives in the city.

Dr. Hynck has not as yet contacted Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director William Van Horn. Hynck made one visit to Hillsdale where Van Horn and 87 Hillsdale College coeds watched strange flying objects for several hours four nights ago. However, Van Horn said this morning he has yet to meet Dr. Hynek. He said the scientists talked with him briefly on the telephone but has made no personal contact.

Van Horn says he is convinced that the objects he and the Hillsdale College coeds saw was not "marsh gas." The theory has been advanced that gases from rotting vegetation in the swamps could have been the objects seen both by the Mannors and Van Horn.

"When I was a kid I played regularly in a swamp," the CD director said. "I know what marsh gas looks like, its color and what it does. What we saw the other night was not this. It was an object which I never saw before."

Van Horn said he and several assistants tracked pranksters last night who appeared in the swamp near Hillsdale College with flares. The CD director said the pranksters left behind the remains of flares they were using in an attempt to perpetrate a hoax.

At Westport, Conn., police said five persons purchased weather balloons, inflated them with gas, attached railroad flares to them and released them.

'U' Scientists Suggest 'Saucer' Explanations

Scientists at the University have been generally reluctant to comment on the unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings in this area, except for saying they have not seen flying saucers themselves or heard of reports of sightings by other U-M faculty members.

Prof. William P. Bidelman of the astronomy department, however, ventured the guess that the U-M's radio telescope on Peach Mountain north of Dexter may be involved in the Dexter Township sightings.

Bidelman said an auroral display along the horizon reflecting on the telescopes gridded dish might give the impression of movement and disappearance and provide the red and green lights described by observers.

He pointed out that the grid design of the big dish silhouetted by the "northern lights" would appear from a distance something like the object described in the sightings.

Bidelman said that solar (sun spot) activity is starting to pick up and in the past week or so has been pronounced than in recent years, and that aurora are influenced by the sun spot cycle.

Assistant Prof. George W. Saunders of the U-M zoology department indicated the UFO sightings by Hillsdale Civil Defense Director William Van Horn and 87 Hillsdale College coeds in a swamp hollow in that area may have involved the phenomena known as "will-o-the-wisps."

The natural phenomenon which is believed to result from igniting of hydrogen phosphide gas from rotting substances in swamps, provides weird displays of dancing and disappearing red, yellow and blue flames accompanied at times by the popping of little explosions.

UFOs Very Likely Swamp Gas: Hynek

Detroit, March 26 — Dr. Joseph Allen Hynek, scientific advisor to the air force on extraordinary aerial phenomena, today cut cold water on widespread public reports of "extra-terrestrial spaceship sightings" by residents of this area.

The doctor, a respected scientist, publicly labeled such dancing lights at nightfall as "glowing of swamp gases released by unexpected and unseasonably warm weather of the last 10 days."

Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department of Northwestern university and director of the school's Dearborn observatory, also flatly denounced photographs made by policemen and purportedly showing movement of lights in the skies. These, he said, were time exposures made of the moon and the planet Venus on March 17.

Hundreds Pour In

Despite this analysis, made after 5½ days of painstaking tramping across farm areas and interviewing of more than 100 witnesses, a deluge of reports came from Maine to the Rockies, describing UFO's [unidentified flying objects] seen by night and day. Hundreds of such reports were made to police, at county officials, and newspapers.

Even Dr. Hynek, acting for air force Project Blue Book, limited his debunking to two instances of sightings on March 20 and March 21, in the Ann Arbor, Mich. area.

Grounds for Investigation

"I emphasize," he said, "I cannot prove in a court of law that these are the full explanations for these sightings.

"It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter—an unusually mild one in this area—were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

He added: "I am not making

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a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomena over the last 20 years.

"If only one person reports seeing something it might be discounted, but if 10 or 20 report seeing similar objects it then is grounds for scientific investigation."

Both cases upon which he and air force assistants worked, Hynek said, involved swampy areas where lights of varied colors were watched for hours. At Hillsdale, Mich., 87 coeds at the local college and a number of adults observed the glowing object. At Dexter, Mich., 60 miles away, a farmer reported he saw a similar light.

A Rare Phenomenon

"In each case swamps were involved. These are a most unlikely place to attract visitors from outer space. They are not places for helicopter practice or where a soundless device would be tested," the astronomer wrote in his report.

"Such gases are rare; I have never seen any myself. But everyone who observed saw lights, not shapes, and no movement away from the swamps," he continued. "The spring thaws could have released gases formed by decomposition of organic material. This is known to glow under certain conditions."

Dr. Hynek did not ridicule any witnesses he interviewed. He said he readily understood the dismay "of those who sincerely and accurately described what they saw."

Suspects a Prank

He also indicated that pranks by students may have been involved in the Hillsdale affair. Several burned-out flare shells were found near the college dormitories where coeds had been watching.

Across the country, however, the "rational explanation" of Hynek and the other inquirers was ignored. Men and women saw "spaceships in formation," some said "lights" chased their automobiles, others told of "shapes lighted in red, green, blue, and yellow cross highways at eye-levels."

There were so many such reports that Rep. Gerald R. Ford [Mich.], Republican floor leader, proposed a "full blown" hearing by a committee from house to get to the facts.

FORD DEMA 'S CONGRESS PROBE

Daily News

UFO Spotters Insist 'Saucer's Not Gas'

From Daily News Wire Services

DETROIT, Mar. 26—An expert's opinion that some of Michigan's unidentified flying objects (UFO) probably were swamp gases may have convinced the Air Force but not the people who saw them.

"I'm no professor, and I'm not as educated as him, but I think he's all wrong," Mrs. Frank Mannor said of Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford (Mich.) also is unhappy.

He has proposed that a committee of Congress investigate UFOs over southern Michigan and other parts of the nation.

FORD IS APPARENTLY dissatisfied at the Air Force investigations because they have either brushed the reports aside as delusions or they "have come up with nothing conclusive."

Ford says the American people "are becoming alarmed by the UFO stories."

"In the light of these new sightings and incidents," said Ford, "it would be a very wholesome thing for a committee of the Congress to conduct a number of hearings . . ."

Hynek, a Northwestern university astrophysicist and scientific consultant for the Air Force, told a news conference yesterday that sightings made on two specific days probably stemmed from swamp gases.

HE SAID his study was confined to sightings made near Dexter Mar. 20 by the Mannor family and by officers, and at Hillsdale by 87 college coeds and the county civil defense director.

DR. H. ALLEN HYNEK, UFO PHOTO
Just Moon, Venus, Astrophysicist Says—UPI

Dexter, a small community, is about 50 miles southwest of Detroit. Hillsdale is about 100 miles west.

Hynek said a photograph taken by a sheriff's deputy Mar. 18 near Milan, several miles south of Dexter, showed the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus. The deputy said the two streaks of brilliant light on the photograph, identified by Hynek as the planets, were captured on film by his camera in a time exposure as he observed what he considered to be unidentified flying objects.

NUMEROUS UFO sightings have been reported in Michigan, especially the southern lower portion, in recent weeks, many of them by law officers. Hynek said he did not investigate these because large enough groups had not witnessed them.

He said both the sightings he did investigate were in swampy areas—"most unlikely place for a visit from outer space"—and said the UFOs probably resulted from spring thaws releasing trapped gases resulting from decomposing organic materials.

He added that in the Hillsdale case the sighting might have been assisted by youths playing "pranks with flares." The remains of several flares were found near the college shortly after the sightings.

"THERE WERE no flares involved in this," said William Van Horn, Hillsdale county civil defense director. He and the Hillsdale college coeds reported watching a white and red object—about 20 feet across—from dormitory windows for nearly three hours.

"I think I will disprove him (Hynek) in a few weeks," Van Horn said. "I also didn't care for the methods of investigation. I know no flares were involved."

Frank Mannor and his son, Ronnie, 19, are sure what they saw was not swamp gas.

Although he could not make out the form of the object

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UFOs Just Swamp Gas?

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through the swamp mist, Mannor estimates that it was about the size of a car and was hovering about eight to 10 feet off the ground. He thinks it was about 500 yards away.

IT DIDN'T make a sound.

The change from dull red to bright blue-green to white startled Mannor and the boy. They stood frozen in their tracks for about three or four minutes.

Finally Ronnie could contain himself no longer.

"Look at that horrible thing!" he exclaimed.

And with that, said Mannor, the lights snapped off.

Ronnie, a high school track star, bounded across the creek and up a knoll with his father not far behind.

BY THE TIME they reached the knoll, Mannor said, the craft had moved perhaps 500 yards eastward up the valley and once again it was glowing red.

Mannor said he and his son watched it for a while, but decided against chasing it farther.

A few minutes later, Mannor said, the lights went out and the silence was broken by a whine that is similar to that of a ricocheting bullet as the unlighted craft seemed to fly directly over the house.

The next day Mannor spent five hours walking through the five-mile-long valley searching for a trace of the craft.

"**I EXAMINED** and smelled every branch, but I couldn't see or smell a thing," said Mannor.

"I didn't even find a blade of swamp grass that was broken."

The Mannors are dismayed at some of the events that have followed.

When Mannor's wife, Leona, 39, drove into Dexter one afternoon to shop, someone draped a huge paper sign on her auto with the words: "UFO Car."

She drove home in tears, right past another sign posted on a fence post: "Caution! Flying Saucers."

EACH NIGHT, long lines of cars containing students from the nearby University of Michigan and other sightseers drive up the muddy road to the house. All night long.

One night a carload of men in a red Corvair stopped in front of the house. A young man got out and heaved a beer bottle through the windshield of Mannor's 1961 Dodge.

Sometimes they just drive past, shine a spotlight on the bedroom windows and scream: "Martians!"

A schoolmate told 12-year-old Leland Mannor that his dad must have been seeing things. Leland punched the kid in the face.

By week's end, Mrs. Mannor, a handsome brown-haired woman, had been given tranquilizers and ordered to bed by her physician.

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AF Investigator 'Shoots Down' Saucers

Swamp Gasses Blamed For Michigan Sightings

DETROIT (AP) — Some of Michigan's flying saucers were in effect shot down Friday by a special Air Force investigator who said they probably were swamp gasses and not unidentified flying objects—UFOs.

But some of those who said they saw the objects remained unconvinced.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek discussed his findings at an overflow news conference after spending almost a week interviewing persons in the nearby Ann Arbor and Hillsdale areas where most of the sightings originated.

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Hynek is a Northwestern University astrophysicist and scientific consultant for the Air Force.

Numerous UFO sightings have been reported in recent weeks, many of them by lawmen.

Hynek emphasized his investigation was confined to two specific days of sightings and did not cover all of those reported.

"I am not making a blanket statement to cover the entire UFO phenomena over the last 20 years," Hynek said.

"I emphasize that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings. It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter—an unusually mild one in this area—and the particular weather conditions were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

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Hynek said his study was confined to March 20 sightings made near Dexter, a small community about 50 miles southwest of Detroit, and one made at Hillsdale, about 100 miles west, on March 21.

Although there have been numerous other reports of UFOs in the state, Hynek said he would not investigate them because not enough persons had seen them. He said he investigated only those sightings seen by a large group of witnesses.

"If only one person reports seeing something, it might be discounted," Hynek said. "But if 10 or 20 report seeing similar objects then it is grounds for scientific investigation."

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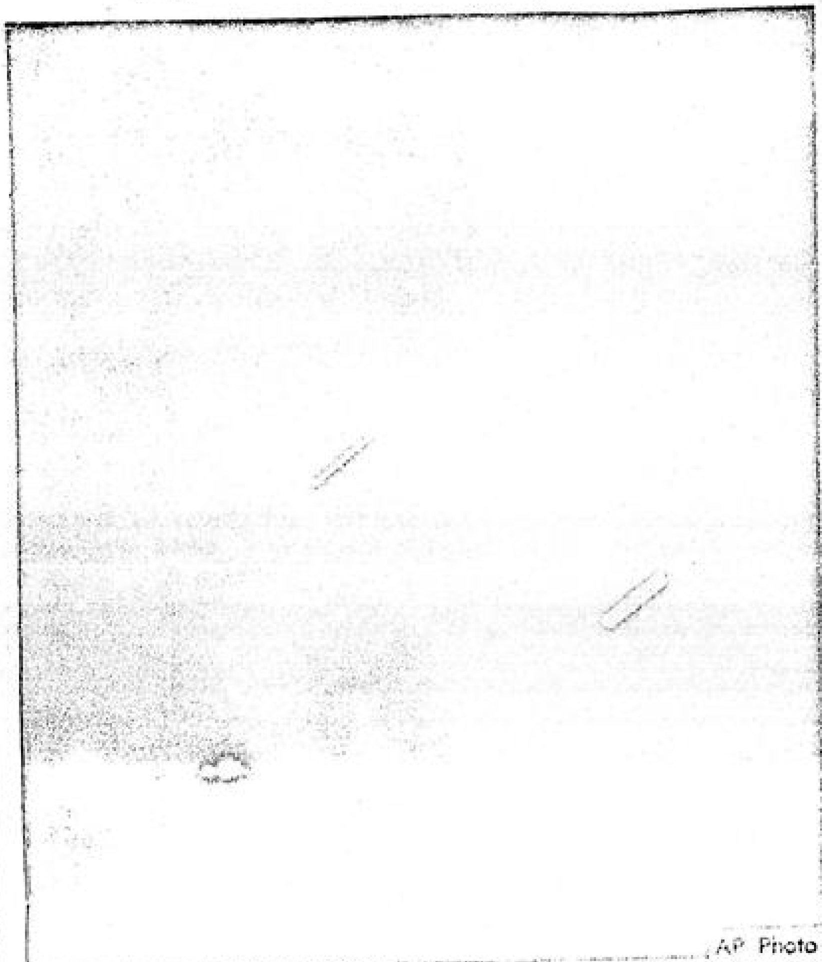
Hynck also pointed out that photos released to the press Thursday which showed two lights in the sky over a series of street lights were "without any question" trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet Venus.



AP Photo

MICHIGAN FLYING SAUCERS? — This picture released yesterday is described as showing two flying objects above lights along Carpenter Road, about 15 miles southeast of Ann Arbor, Mich., on March 16. Washtenaw County Deputy David Fitzpatrick said he made the picture with a subminiature camera at 5:30 a.m., using a 10-minute exposure, and that he and other deputies watched the "objects" more than two hours.

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SAUCER SIGHTINGS VEX CAPITOL HILL

Investigating Flying Objects Might Cause Public Alarm

By EVERT CLARK
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 26—Across the swamps of southern Michigan earlier this week "flying saucers" flew. An Air Force investigator shot most of them down with a simple explanation—swamp gas.

But policemen, a civil defense director, a house mother and hundreds of college students had seen the mysterious lights, and it is safe to say that not all of them accepted the investigator's conclusion.

The opening of this year's saucer season — the 20th year for "unidentified flying objects," or "u. f. o.'s" — has presented official Washington with a problem.

Gerald R. Ford, House Republican leader, injected a new element by calling for a "full-blown" Congressional investigation. Such inquiries have been proposed many times before, but never by one of Mr. Ford's stature in Government.

Mr. Ford had just returned from Michigan. No saucers were sighted in his district and he had no calls from constituents about them. However, he said:

"I can assure you there is considerable interest and I suspect public concern."

Reluctant to Investigate

Congress has been and still is reluctant to investigate. To do so is to encourage the idea that there is more to the u. f. o. than mistaken sightings of natural or manmade objects.

To refuse to investigate, however, opens Congress to the charge, often made by fervent believers, that the Government knows what the saucers are but is "covering up."

Mr. Ford suggested that the House Armed Services or the Science and Astronautics Committee hold the investigation.

A spokesman for the Science Committee said the number of "reliable witnesses" who had reported seeing saucers was small compared to all the people who thought they had seen them.

"You can't just select airline pilots and other trained observers to testify," he said. "You have to take anybody who says he's seen one, and you know what that means. Since we handle space, we already get enough people in here who want to tell us how you can fly to the moon on a washboard or something."

A spokesman for the Armed Services Committee said he had once facetiously suggested that the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigate saucers because "it is un-American to have unidentified objects flying over this country."

No Laughing Matter

The committee, however, does not laugh at those who believe they have seen saucers, he said:

"That might be like laughing at the guy who thought of the submarine for the first time."

Nevertheless, there is some fear in both committees that a "full-blown" investigation might frighten much of the public, no matter what findings resulted, by seeming to indicate concern in Congress.

The Air Force, charged with the defense of the nation's skies, investigates every sighting reported to it. Through the end of last year, it had studied 10,147 such reports.

Last year, 886 sightings were reported—topped only by 1,501 in 1952 and 1,006 in 1957.

Of the 10,147 sightings, 646 remain in the Air Force's "unidentified" category. Most "I.F.O.'s"—identified flying objects—were explained as meteors, stars and planets, or planes, balloons and satellites. But many were thrown into a category called "other."

"Other," in the case of this year's sightings, included tracer bullets, debris in the wind, "poor photo process" and "man on ground," according to the Air Force.

'Some Kind of Vehicle'

No space ships, no little men. Yet this week's reports included that of William Van Horn, a Hillsdale County civil defense director, who said the wavering orange, red and white lights he saw through binoculars definitely came from "some kind of vehicle."

John King, a 22-year-old Bangor, Me., man, said he shot four times at a 60-foot-long glowing object and hit it. It then zoomed skyward, he said.

"I could hear the elderberry bushes scraping as the thing came toward me," Mr. King said.

A postman in Colorado, a newsman in Wisconsin and an Air Force electronics instructor in Oklahoma all reported seeing mysterious objects last week. The electronics man said a "fish-shaped" craft manned by an "ordinary human" blocked his car near the Texas border. In Texas, the police said hundreds of people reported seeing a starlike object that purred and changed colors.

Noting that "it must be a real dull day, newswise" for his suggestion to get so much attention, Representative Ford said he believed a thorough inquiry would "allay any apprehensions or fears."

"If it is marsh gas, the whole thing could be cleaned up and eliminated as a matter of concern very rapidly," he said.

Meanwhile, the Air Force says it still welcomes any evidence "of the existence and intraspace mobility of extraterrestrial life," particularly if it is "operating within the earth's near-space envelope."

Michiganders Report More Flying Objects

ANN ARBOR, Mich. —(AP)— Unidentified flying objects go on tantalizing Michigan, despite an expert's finding that failed to support their existence in two sightings areas.

New reports of sightings extended about 100 miles north Saturday night — up toward the tip of Michigan's "thumb" in Lake Huron.

At the same time odd lights were reported in the sky over Oakland (Pontiac) county and the neighboring Detroit area. Others were reported westward in the Lansing area.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern university, scientific consultant to the Air Force, has reported phenomena seen at Dexter and Hillsdale on the night of March 20 probably were the result of swamp gases.

His conclusion met with question again yesterday, however.

Sheriff's Deputy Keith Lester of Oakland county said it was "definitely" an object which he saw with "glowing green and red and blue lights" about 9 p.m. Saturday night in the vicinity of Pontiac township.

Earlier, Sheriff Douglas Harvey of Washtenaw county and Civil Defense Director William Van Horn of Hillsdale county had criticized Dr. Hynek's report. Dexter is in Washtenaw county.

Van Horn said the swamp gas explanation was an attempt to "explain it away arbitrarily." And he took a cut at the Air Force.

"The Air Force," Van Horn said, "is going to get into trouble going on this way. It seems like a whitewash."

Dr. Hynek, an astrophysicist, came to Michigan to investigate after appeals from the state to the Air Force and the defense department for an inquiry in justice to disturbed citizens.

Dr. Hynek investigated at Dexter and Hillsdale only on reported sightings in those areas. His report related only to those areas.

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People Entitled to Observe Mysterious Flying Saucers

Jim Fain

There is a delightfully fey quality to most of those reports of flying saucers. I hope they remain a mystery. We need the mysteries we have left.

The latest involves 87 co-eds from Hillsdale (Mich.) college, a civil defense director, an assistant dean and a solid, no-nonsense farmer. That's about par for the course.

Flying saucers usually seem to choose their clienteles with a discerning sense for the inappropriate, for a scrambled version of the American dream.

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OUT AT Wright-Patterson, there is a small group of men who have the chore of running down all such reports. They have as mixed a bag of work assignments as anyone you will encounter.

They can explain a high percentage of the sightings—weather balloons, Venus, you name it—but some remain blissfully unsolved.

A few years ago, they ran into one of the rare instances in which tangible evidence is left. A man in a Middle Western state had observed a saucer land and had seen the little men get out of it. They had proceeded to eat dinner.

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WHEN THE MAN approached them, they scattered back into the saucer and fled, whoosh, leaving behind a little piece of cake-like substance. He scooped it up.

The Air Force investigators had it carefully analyzed by chemists. It turned out to be a standard commercial pancake mix, somewhat charred in the cooking.

Disappointing? Not really. Little men in flying saucers have as much right to overdone pancakes as anyone else. And 87 co-eds make a formidable testament to almost anything.

Raleigh, N.C.

The News and Observer, Sunday, March 27, 1966 I—3

AF Report On UFOs 'Mockery'

CLEVELAND Ohio (UPI) — One of 87 college coeds who reported seeing mysterious flying objects in Michigan last week Saturday called an Air Force report that the objects were luminous gas a "mockery."

Barbara Kohn, 21, a Hillsdale College student here to visit an aunt, accused Dr. J. Allen Hynek of "not doing his research thoroughly before rendering his opinion."

Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist sent by the Air Force to Hillsdale to investigate the reports, said Friday the objects were "probably swamp gas."

"These objects were not viewed over a swamp but over the college arboretum and the college baseball field." Miss Kohn said. "The arboretum is a carefully tended woodsy park with a few small ponds but has no rotting vegetable matter from which gas might have been produced."

Miss Kohn said that Hynek talked to only two coeds, neither one of which had reported seeing the objects when they were first sighted, and that he had made no visits to the dormitory rooms from which the objects were sighted.

Miss Kohn, whose parents live in New Castle, Pa., said she viewed them through binoculars and the "outline of the objects were very precise."

Raleigh, N.C.

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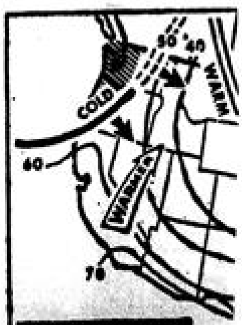

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UFO Eyed By Many For Hours

HILLSDALE, Mich. (UPI) — A Civil Defense director, an assistant dean and 87 coeds reported Tuesday they watched a glowing object zip past a college dormitory and hover in a swamp for hours.

Their description of the eerie object seen here Monday night tallied closely with that of one seen by more than 50 persons, including 12 policemen, near Ann Arbor, Mich., the previous night.

The Air Force dispatched its top scientific adviser on unidentified flying objects (UFO) to launch an investigation.

The witnesses said they watched from the second floor of a Hillsdale College girls dormitory as the object wobbled, wavered, glowed eerily and once zipped right at a dormitory window before stopping suddenly.

Coeds Took Notes

Mrs. Kelly Hearn, for seven years a newspaper reporter before becoming assistant dean of women, assistant professor of English and housemother of the dorm, had the coeds take notes as they watched the object for four hours.

They and William Van Horn, 41, Hillsdale County civil defense director, said the object dimmed its lights when police cars approached, brightened again when they went away, and dodged an air port beacon light.

Barbara Kohn, 21, New Castle, Pa., and Cynthia Poffenberger, 18, Cleveland, Ohio, were the first to see the object.

Flying Colors

Do We Want Little Green Men Moving in Next Door?

By Art Buchwald

MANY SEEING SAUCERS

Flying Object Reports Have an Unusually Good Week

By WILLIAM HINES
Star Staff Writer

The last 12 months have been a good year for UFOs and the last few days have been a particularly good week.

UFOs—in case you just arrived from Planet X aboard one and haven't heard about the current furor—are unidentified flying objects, the so-called "flying saucers" that periodically become a news wonder.

A spate of sighting reports has been coming in since last Thursday from a number of localities in southern Michigan and northern Indiana. This seems to be a characteristic of UFO manifestations, which tend to be clustered in space and time.

The most widely publicized UFO sighting in the present series was reported in Dexter, near the university town of Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday evening. More than 50 persons, including that ever-reliable observer, the local cop, testified to having seen the object. It was variously described as oval and pyramidal in shape, and some observers said it had a blinker on top like that on a police car.

One policeman saw two flying objects during the excitement at Dexter, which may explain the difference of opinion about shape.

Investigations promptly began, as they have done after every major multiple UFO sighting in the last 19 years since the Air Force set up its "Project Blue Book" to snuff out UFO reports.

Both the Air Force and the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) were on the scene at Dexter this week, questioning people who claimed to have seen the saucers.

Among UFO buffs—the people who believe saucers contain visitors from other worlds—the Air Force is regarded as anti-UFO and NICAP as pro-UFO. NICAP is a Washington-based organization with headquarters at 1536 Connecticut Ave. NW. It is run by former Marine Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, the acknowledged high priest of flying saucerdom.

Keyhoe was not in his office yesterday when an inquiry was made about the latest saucer visitation. His assistant, Richard Hall, fielded questions.

Hall said the Dexter sighting is only one of several since March 17. He listed them in this order.

March 17—Grand Rapids,

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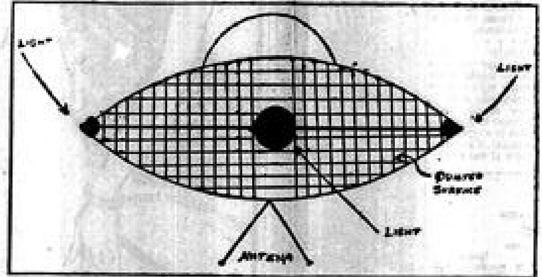

—United Press International

Police in Dexter, Mich., drew this sketch of a UFO on the basis of reports from persons who said they saw it.

SAUCERS

UFO Manifestation On Rise Since July

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Raleigh, N.C.

The News and Observer, Wednesday, March 23, 1966

They're Up in the Air Over What's in the Air

ANN ARBOR, Mich (AP) — There may be something besides spring in the air over southern Michigan.

Three times in a week residents of the nearby community of Dexter have reported spotting unidentified flying objects floating through the night air.

The latest sightings were made Sunday night by more than a score of persons, including police officers. Officers using geiger counters searched the area Monday but said they found nothing.

"I got within 500 yards of that thing and it looked pyramid-shaped. It had a light here and a light there and what looked like a porthole," said Frank Mannor, 47, of Dexter.

"I still don't believe it," said Stan McFadden, 37, a Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy.

Dexter Patrolman Robert Hunawill said the flying object he saw had red and green flashing lights and at one time zipped down to hover "within 18 feet" of a police patrol car. When it rose again, said Hunawill, it was joined by a similar object.

Flashing Lights

Mannor said he was indoors when he noticed flashing lights through a window.

His son, Robert, 19, and his wife, Leona, also saw the object.

"It wasn't like the pictures of a flying saucer and it had a coral-like surface. I've never seen anything like it," said Mannor.

McFadden was one of about 25 deputies in seven patrol cars sent to the area to investigate Mannor's report.

He said he and Deputy Dave Fitzpatrick tried to reach the object by walking up to it but that it flew off as they approached.

Dexter Police Chief Robert Taylor who was accompanied by Patrolman N.G. Lee, said: "We saw it from the hill. It looked like it was down in the swamp. We saw the red glow and with binoculars we could see it. It was a pulsating red light. When we got into the swamp there wasn't anything there."

Previous sightings were made in the Dexter area last Thursday and a week ago Sunday. Police pictures made at the time failed to develop. A rash of sightings was reported last October in the Coldwater, Mich. area. An Air Force spokesman said at the time that radar showed nothing unusual in the area.

Airmen at Selfridge Air Force base said there was no military activity in the Dexter area during the latest sightings. It said a report of the matter had been sent to higher commands for study.

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Twelve NU Seniors Named Wilson Fellows
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Tries to Quell Disturbances

Hynek Swamps It To Study UFO's Following Report

By DAVID L. NELSON
Campus Editor

Trudging through swamps in southern Michigan may not be the ideal spring vacation activity. But Northwestern's Prof. J. Allen Hynek took it in stride, as he attempted to quell disturbances of a national level.

The astronomy department chairman is also the chief scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on the subject of unidentified flying objects (UFO).

In the last week-and-a-half a rash of strange sightings has been reported throughout the Midwest area, primarily in Michigan.

House Republican leader Gerald R. Ford (Mich.) proposed that Congress have "a full blown investigation" into these incidents, but the Air Force was satisfied to send their man Hynek to the trouble area.

J. Allen Hynek sits at control board of his electronic astronomical equipment at Dearborn Observatory. He spent last week checking out reports of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The major sighting events of the week which Hynek had to face included:

- Eighty-seven Hillsdale (Mich.) College coeds reporting they saw an eerie, hovering flying object settle in a swampy hollow near their dormitory. The event was also witnessed by William Van Horn, the Hillsdale county civil defense director.
- A truck driver and his 19-year-old son in Dexter, Mich. said they saw an object that glowed like a cigarette with a greenish-blue light on one end and a white light on the other. The light came from a swampy area, one quarter of a mile behind the man's farmhouse.
- Photographs of "unidentified flying objects" taken by a Michigan deputy sheriff and released by the sheriff to a nationwide news program on CBS television.

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Michigan deputy sheriff and released by the sheriff to a nation-wide news program on CBS television.

Reported Seeing Lights

Hynek said in both Hillsdale and Dexter "the majority of observers . . . reported only lights—red, yellow, and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground."

He said the Dutch astronomer, Minnaert, in his book *Light and Color, in the Open Air*, writes that lights, resembling tiny flames, are sometimes seen on the ground or floating right above swampy areas.

The colors are sometimes yellow, sometimes red, and blue-green and can appear for hours at a time or for a whole night.

Says It Was Marsh Gas

Rotting vegetation produces marsh gas which can be trapped by ice and winter conditions. This gas may be released in some quantity when a spring thaw occurs.

"It would seem to me," Hynek said, "that the association of the sightings with swamps, in these particular cases, is more than coincidence. No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps."

The combination of peculiarly mild winter weather in the Midwest region, plus the particular weather conditions on the nights the lights were visible—little wind in either location—"were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display," Hynek concluded.

He also determined that the "UFO photos" were nothing but

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ynek Explains Michigan's UFO Sightings; Swamp Gases And Male Pranksters Blamed

(Continued from page 1)

time exposure shots of the rising crescent moon and the planet Venus.

In the Hillsdale case, after the real sighting, Hynek said, certain young men played pranks with flares to the further distress of the coeds.

The pictures were taken on a different night and in a different town and have no reference whatever to the other two sightings as originally represented, Hynek said.

"This is no new thing. It is like a jigsaw puzzle. There are a lot of pieces to work with, and to complicate the picture. Most of the time we are working with several jigsaw sets," he added.

Hynek expressed surprise in the excitement the Michigan sightings caused.

"We've had many more interesting cases, like in Exeter, New Jersey."

Sunday on Channel 11 at 6:30 p.m. Hynek will be joined by a panel of experts in a one-hour-long discussion on unidentified flying objects, primarily the Exeter case.

Hynek agreed it was an unusual way to spend a spring vacation, but said most of his investigations had to be sandwiched in between the school year requirements.

He said, "I learned more about swamps than I ever thought I would care to."

Marsh Gas and Chickenman

Was it Martians or marsh gas?

Northwestern University's J. Allen Hynek, now a more nationally known astronomer than ever, disturbed many last week by saying that people who reported seeing flying saucers in Michigan probably saw marsh gas.

And what wasn't marsh gas wasn't Martians either, the astronomy department chairman said. Those unidentified flying objects were various contraptions rigged by humans as "pranks," said he.

Hynek, who serves as the U. S. Air Force's authority on strange things seen in the sky, received more publicity for his unique interest during the past several days than in all the years he's spent looking through Dearborn Observatory's telescopes.

The things he called marsh gas or pranks were seen by many people in Michigan, including a Civil Defense official, several policemen, one newspaper reporter, a college dean, and a group of college coeds.

And they all thought surely they were watching contraptions driven by visitors from the planets which the United States and the U.S.S.R. both are attempting to study with their space vehicles.

It's hard to believe that what those folks up in Michigan saw — as well as what's been reported hovering in the skies of Georgia and other states across the nation — were all pranks and marsh gas. But it's equally difficult to argue with as distinguished an authority as Prof. Hynek.

We bet he doesn't believe in Chickenman either.

Removing More Rules

Associated Women Students has proposed an extension of freshman women's hours for winter and spring quarters beginning in 1967.

The plan is another step in a path which AWS and other student groups at Northwestern are taking faster and faster to eliminate some of the artificial social rules and regulations at this university.

We trust Northwestern's women will be wise enough to support the plan in their living units, as they have supported parietal hours and a junior key system earlier this year.

And we hope the Council on Undergraduate Life will crawl out of the puritanical shell it put itself in last quarter and approve the plan when presented with it later this quarter.

Boys and Men

Boys will be boys, and nothing proved it better than the night late last quarter when the electric power disappeared from north campus for about 60 minutes and NU's men enjoyed it.

They exploded fire crackers in the quadrangles, crashed bottles on sidewalks and in the corridors of living units, lit waste basket fires, put in false fire alarms, and staged a premature panty raid. They also removed a television and some other items from residence hall lounge — a joke, it was later reported.

Sometimes men ought to act like men.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
31 March 66 01/0120Z

2. LOCATION
Rehoboth, Mass.

3. SOURCE
Civilian

10. CONCLUSION
AIRCRAFT

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
10 Minutes

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual

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8. PHOTOS
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

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Object was oblong in shape like a football, orange or amber in color. There appeared to be bright lights on the edge of the object. Object moved slowly to the observers left horizontally and faded slowly from view in ten minutes.
During the time of the sighting there was aircraft traffic in the area. Investigating officer feels that the aircraft landing lights were the cause of the sighing.

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Memo for the Record 18 April 1966

Called the wing intelligence officer at Otis AFB Autovon 552-1290 ext 4276 Investigating officer said that at the time of the sighting (0120Z / 31 Mar 66, Rehoboth, Mass.) the weather was deteriorating rapidly and there was a haze in the area. The observers were close to the Hillsgove R.I. Airport and in a direct line to the approach of the airport. There was heavy aircraft traffic in the area at that time. He believed that the cause of the sighting was the landing or navigation lights on an aircraft approaching said airport.

Call made by A3C Elmer

Rehoboth, Mass [illegible]

NICAP MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT, 3-30-66, Rehoboth, Massachusetts

DATE: 12 April 1966

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

TO: NICAP
Attention: Richard Hall

cc: AFSC - FTD (Project Bluebook)
Congressman William Bates

Enclosed is a detailed report on UFO sightings which occured on 30 March 1966 between 8:00 - 10:00 PM EST at Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

An on-the-spot- investigation by Subcommittee member Ernest C. Reid and follow-up by the Chairman, supplied the data for this report. Signed data sheets, newsclips, weather report and other pertinent material are included for backup information.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

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ADDENDUM I

The Providence Journal, Monday, April 4, 1966

Questioned by U.S. Officials

Rehoboth Residents See Flying Objects

At least a dozen Rehoboth residents, including the town's postmaster, have reported seeing unidentified flying objects since March 23, according to Police Chief Oscar A. B. Berghman of Rehoboth.

Investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private research organization, have questioned at least two of the witnesses.

Three sightings have occurred, Chief Berghman said last night, one on March 23 and two last Wednesday. The objects have been seen between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Reports of the sightings generally agree that the objects show three reddish orange lights that sweep soundlessly along in giant arcs, hover motionless or accelerate at incredible speeds.

At least one of the witnesses reported the lights appeared to be part of a large, circular object.

Witnesses have been within three miles of each other in Rehoboth when the sightings have been made.

'Flashing Lights'

Joseph Moitoza, Rehoboth postmaster, said he watched "three or four flashing red lights" about 10 p.m. last Wednesday.

Mr. Moitoza said both he and his wife, who also watched the lights, were at their home on Holmes Street. The lights moved from east to the southwest in a broad curve, Mr. Moitoza said, making a whistling sound or a loud humming noise.

He said the lights were brighter than those used by aircraft. Mr. Moitoza said he did not report his sighting to police.

Another sighting last Wednesday was reported by Gardner C. Borden of 122 Bay State Rd., Rehoboth.

He said he was driving toward Warren along Route 118 at Route 6 about 8:30 p.m. when he and five other adults in the car saw three reddish orange lights above them in the sky.

In about three minutes, Mr. Borden said, the lights disappeared behind some trees.

"When we first saw the lights," he said, "they were about 500 yards in front of us and about 600 feet high. The color and brilliance of the lights were unusual.

"At first we thought it was a helicopter," Mr. Borden continued, "but after we started going faster, the lights sped up to about three times our speed and disappeared behind some trees."

One of the passengers, Mrs. Howard Rose, who also lives on Bay State Road, said the lights "seemed to be reflected off dull metal.

Like Headlights

"We saw three very large reddish lights high above the horizon in the west," she said. "They were neither red or yellow, and looked like large headlights."

She said the lights "appeared to be on the bottom of a large circular object." No sound accompanied the lights, she said.

"We weren't frightened, and we didn't jump to any conclusions," Mrs. Rose said. "I'm just as skeptical of flying saucers as anyone."

Both Mr. Borden, and Mrs. Rose said they were questioned yesterday by FBI investigators and representatives of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

A third sighting was reported about 7 p.m. on March 23 by Mrs. June Palmer of Perryville Road, who said she and her children watched for about 20 minutes from their home as three lights moved slowly across the sky.

"They were very close to each other, and seemed to be about 100 feet away from the house," Mrs. Palmer said. "After a while one of the lights separated slowly from the others and drifted off in another direction."

She said she saw a flashing white light between two red lights. There was no noise, she said.

Mrs. Palmer said two of her friends also saw the lights, but she said they remained silent, fearing ridicule.

Fall River Herald News 3-31-66

Otis Intelligence Probes Strange Aerial Lights

The Intelligence Division at Otis Air Force Base has been assigned today the task of investigating a sighting by four area teen-agers of strange aerial lights at the Rehoboth-Dighton line last night.

Capt. Paul McManus, public information officer, said that the report made at the Rehoboth State Police Barracks concerning hovering lights was the first in this area.

McManus added that a team of intelligence specialists will be dispatched to the area and a report of their findings will be made.

The foursome said that while riding in an auto on Cedar Street in Rehoboth they noticed two amber-colored lights flashing above their car.

One of those who spotted the lights was Jacqueline Letourneau, 19, of 831 Globe St. She said the group watched the "bright flashing lights" hover over the auto for 10 to 15 minutes.

She said that the shape was not distinguishable.

Fade

Miss Letourneau said that the amber-colored lights moved to a field and appeared to be landing in a clump of trees. "When the lights began to come down they moved from a horizontal to a vertical position and appeared to fade," she said.

Others in the auto sighting the lights were Ernest Nunes, 17, of 24 New Hampshire Ave., Somerset; Guy Averill, 19, of 833 County St., Somerset; and Mary L. Mooney, 19, of 28 Brayton Ave., this city.

Miss Letourneau said the group became excited and reported the sighting to the Swansea police. They were directed to report the incident to the state police in Rehoboth.

Trooper Joseph M. Procaccini at the Rehoboth barracks said the youngsters appeared to be "very level headed" and said that he believes they did spot some type of object.

A trooper was dispatched to the general area but nothing was sighted.

Procaccini said he didn't think the incident was a hoax because of the youths' efforts in contacting the Swansea police and returning to notify the state police.

There were no other reports of sightings either to the state police or to the town police. The area is described as being remote and heavily wooded.

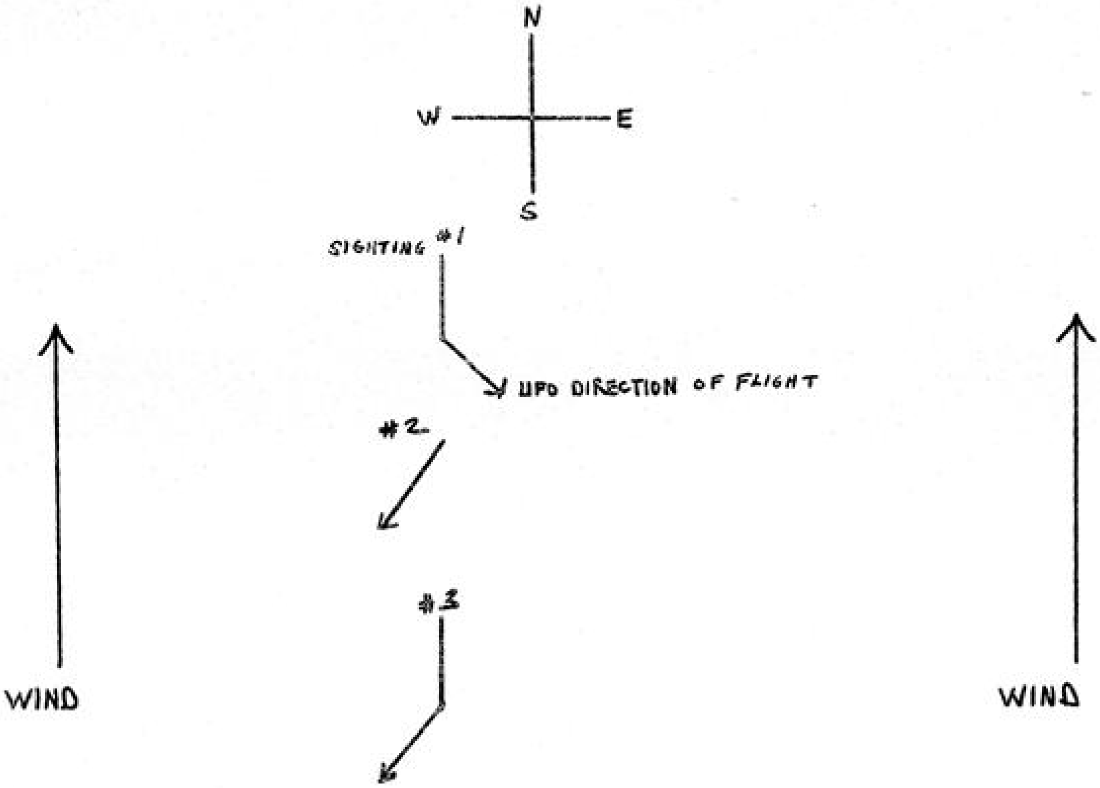
Addendum II

U.S. GOVERNMENT WEATHER FORECAST

30 March 1966

	8:00 P.M. EST	9:00 P.M. EST
Ceiling	2600Broken/5000 Overcast	2600 Broken/High Overcast
Visibility	12 Miles	12 Miles
Wind Direction	South	South
Wind Speed	15 MPH	15 MPH
Temperature	45°F	43°F

R. E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS. SUBCOM.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UFO SIGHTING SUMMARY SHEET

UFO Report - 3/30/66

* - Marilyn Greene
Woodland Way, Rehoboth

** - Interviewed by phone

WITNESSES

GROUP	NAME/ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	AGE	EDUCATION	OCCUPATION
1	Guy L. Averill 833 County Street, Somerset, Massachusetts 672-8429	17	High School	U.S. Record (Phonograph) Return Department
1	Jacqueline T. Letourneau 831 Globe Street, Fall River, Massachusetts 673-8416	19	High School (2 years)	Bristol Knitting Mills Machine Operator
1	Mary Louise Mooney 28 Brayton Avenue, Fall River, Massachusetts 678-6826	19	High School	Switchboard Operator and Office Clerk
1	Ernest Nunes 24 New Hampshire Avenue, Somerset, Massachusetts 678-0196	17		Pine Sportwear Presser
2	Bernice H. Baer Danforth Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-3954		High School 2 yr/nursing School	Housewife
2	Gardner C. Borden(& wife) Rocky Hill Road, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-3313		College BS/BA 1st Lt. USA	Starkweather & Shepley, Inc. Office Manager - Insurance
2	Ellen W. Rose(& friend *) Bay State Road, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-6631		1 yr/College	Burnett Ford, Inc. Secretary
3 **	Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Moitoza Holmes Street, Rehoboth, Massachusetts 252-4869			Postmaster (Mr.) Rehoboth, Massachusetts

	GROUP # 1	GROUP # 2	GROUP # 3
DATE:	30 March 1966	30 March 1966	30 March 1966
TIME:	8:20 PM EST	8:15 or 8:30 PM EST	About 10:00 PM EST
PLACE:	Cedar Street, Rehoboth, Mass.	Rt. 118, 2 mi S Rt. 44 Rehoboth, Mass.	Holmes Street, Rehoboth, Mass.

SIGHTING BACKGROUND:

News of the sighting reached the Chairman via press service teletype message # DE1144AES3/31. I contacted Subcommittee member Ernest C. Reid to investigate. The following report was submitted to me by Investigator Reid along with signed data sheets from most of the witnesses:

> This agent arrived at the Rehoboth Massachusetts State Police barracks on 4-2-66 at 4:15 PM and was told that the trooper who had taken the report was not on duty this day. When I asked to see the report that was made, I was shown the teletype that was sent to the State Police Headquarters in Boston. I took a photostat of this report with permission of the trooper on duty. The original report was taken by Trooper Joseph M. Procaccini on 3-30-66 at about 8:40 PM.
>
> The four young people were sent to the State Police by police in Swansea who told them that they were not interested in taking a report on UFOs.
>
> I then proceeded to Rehoboth Police Headquarters and contrary to earlier press and Air Force statements found that additional sightings of a UFO on 3-30-66 were reported and recorded in the Rehoboth Police log. These additional sightings were made about 8:15 PM and the description of the UFO matches those given by the four young people. An investigation by this agent revealed that the four young people and four older persons who also saw the UFO did not know each other nor did they know of each others' reports at this time.
>
> This agent visited two of the persons who reported their sightings to the Rehoboth police and because of a time problem was unable to get a written report. However, these people did take report forms and promised to send them to me as-soon-as-possible. (Ref: Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Borden, Group 2). They stated that they were on their way home from a church choir practice with some friends (Ref: Group 2) when they saw the UFO. Arrival time at the Borden residence was 5:00 PM.
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> At 6:00 PM I interviewed the four young people. (Ref: Group 1) They appeared to be very relaxed and answered the NICAP question forms before talking among themselves. There seemed to be some minor desareements as will be noted on the question forms. All but Mary Mooney said that they had been contacted by telephone by USAF Investigators who talked to them each about five minutes but did not make any appointment to see them.
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> I made a radiological survey throughout the area where the four young people thought the "flying object" landed. There was no unusual reading recorded and there was no disturbance of the ground or trees except for a few freshly broken branches. There was no evidence indicating that an object had landed in this area.

" An interesting and perhaps significant fact uncovered by this agent was that there is a large concentration of High Tension electrical power coming into a sub-station in the area of the UFO sighting.

Submitted by,

Ernest C. Reid
Investigator: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

After receiving the above report and completed signed NICAP UFO data questionnaires the Chairman contacted Marilyn Greene (Ref: Group 2) and Mr. Joseph Moitoza by telephone (Ref: Group 3) and interviewed them. A summary of the combined sighting accounts is given below based upon my analysis of the data submitted to me by Investigator Reid.

SIGHTING ACCOUNTS

Group # 1

Group I were driving West on Cedar Street, Rehoboth at approximately 8:20 PM when Miss Letourneau called the group's attention to 2 very bright pulsating amber-colored lights seemingly revolving in a horizontal position around an unseen object. They were moving very slowly from North to South. The lights maintained the same relationship to each other indicating that they were attached to an object but the object could not be seen behind the brightness of the lights. The low-flying lights passed over the road ahead of them at an undetermined distance seemingly just clearing telephone poles. It then stopped and hovered for several minutes just off the road. Then it began moving in a slow descent Southeastward toward a wooded area. Just before it reached the top of a clump of trees about 1/2 - 1 mile away from the observers, the lights moved slowly from a horizontal to a vertical position, brightened, then dimmed and went out completely. It gave Group I the impression that the object landed behind the trees. Assuming that the unseen object was at least as wide as the distance between the lights, its apparent size was compared to the size of a "grapefruit" held at arm's length. Total sighting time was an estimated 5 - 10 minutes. The object was viewed through the car windows. No one noticed stars, moon or known aircraft in the sky. Group 1 immediately drove to the Swansea Police Department to report the UFO. They were directed to the State Police Barracks where they gave a complete report to the Trooper on duty. He, in turn, sent out another Trooper to investigate but nothing was seen. Trooper Joseph Procaccini stated that the youngsters appeared to be "very level-headed" and said that he believes they did spot some type of object. He did not think the incident was a hoax because of the youth's sincerity and their efforts in contacting the Swansea Police and then returning to notify the State Police.

A USAF Investigator questioned all of Group 1 via telephone with the exception of Miss Mooney. USAF Captain Paul McManus, Otis AFB PIO told the press that a group of USAF Intelligence specialists would investigate the sighting. It is significant that the UFO was reported in the vicinity of electrical high power lines which were just behind the witnesses.

Many UFO sightings being received have occured in the vicinity of power lines and power stations.

Group # 2

Group 2 were returning from choir practice and driving South along Route #118 in Rehoboth between 8:00 - 8:30 PM. They were on the way to Warren, Rhode Island. As they rounded a bend in the road they sighted a group of very bright lights hovering almost over the road just ahead of them. Their altitude was estimated to be about 500 feet and when first sighted seemed to be about 1000 yards from their car. As they began to close at 35-40 mph within 500 - 600 yards of the object, it suddenly, seen moving at a rapid speed, instantly, from a complete standstill and moved Southwestward disappearing behind trees.

All witnesses described the UFO as two very large brightly glowing red-orange lights with a faint smaller red light just below them and in the middle. Mrs. Rose who had the best vantage point said she distinctly saw a very dim metallic reflection between the lights which outlined an oval or circular object. The lights seemed to be near the bottom of the object. Mr. Borden stated that the two large lights were about 3 road widths apart or about 80-100 feet apart if his estimation of distance was correct. The lights were not pulsating or revolving and always maintained the same relative position to each other. As the object sped away, it was low enough to show tree tops in front of it which were about 800 yards away. Assuming that the object was at least as wide as the distance between the 2 lights, its apparent size was compared to the size of a large melon held at arm's length by Mrs. Baer and to that of an orange by Mr. Borden and Mrs. Rose. The brightness of the larger 2 lights was compared to very bright headlights (but larger in size) at the same distance. Mrs. Baer and Mrs. Greene said that they were brighter than a TV tower light would be at the same distance. They were so bright that they gave a blurred effect. Total viewing time was 2 - 3 minutes. The object was viewed through car windows and windshield. The area was very dark with no stars or moon noticed. No sound was heard from inside the car. Mr. Borden reported the incident to the Chief of Police, Rehoboth, Oscar A.B. Berghman.

Group # 3

Mr. Joseph Moitoza, Postmaster of Rehoboth, was watching TV about 10:00 pm. He is not very certain of the exact time. His wife called him to the window to see bright red flashing lights in the sky. He ran outside and saw 2 bright round red lights pulsating. He thought he saw a fainter steady red light located below and in the middle of the 2 larger lights. He thought he glimpsed another just above these 2 and in the middle also but was not sure. He emphasized that the 2 larger lights were extremely bright, big and round in shape. He compared them to an automobile headlight's brightness from a block away. Although the lights were too bright to see what was carrying them, he stated that they maintained the same relative position to each other indicating that they were part of an unseen object. The 2 large pulsating red lights were in a horizontal plane. Assuming that the width of the object was at least the distance between the 2 lights, he estimated that the object itself would be the apparent size of a quarter at arm's length. (I told him that a dime held at arm's length would more than cover the disc of the full moon and he stated that it would have been much larger than the disc of the full moon.)

He estimated that the UFO was about 1/4 mile away when he saw it from his backyard AND STATED THAT IT MADE A STRANGE WHISTLING OR HUMMING SOUND. The object was moving on a North to South course and then swung around in a broad arc into the Southwest disappearing behind a hill 1 1/4 miles away. Total observing time was about 3 minutes. He assured me that he was familiar with airplanes and helicopters and that this object was neither. Mr. Moitozo told me that he did not report his sighting to anyone officially but happened to mention it at the post office in defense of the jokes that were going around about the four teenagers who saw a "flying saucer". Apparently, someone reported his statement to the press and his sighting became publicized.

EVALUATION:

It is quite apparent that all three groups of witnesses sighted the same or similar object within a radius of several miles. Each group was entirely independent of and unknown to each other. The description of the UFO is substantially the same. The characteristic bright pulsating red lights, oval configuration, ability to hover and dart away from a standstill and the humming or whistling sound are all genuine characteristics of the true UFO. This particular sighting is very similar to the Exeter, N.H. UFO sighting of 9-3-65 which involved a dark elliptical-shaped object with pulsating bright red lights reported in the vicinity of high power lines.

I know of no natural phenomena that would account for this sighting. The unusual characteristics coupled with the absence of conventional aircraft identification lights rule out aircraft. My evaluation is that the object sighted definitely falls into the category of an unknown object. An attempt will be made to obtain further information on this sighting including a detailed map and plotting of the object's flight path against times and places. Such information will be included in a future addendum to this report.

NICAP INVESTIGATOR
Ernest C. Reid
7 Peck Avenue,
Wayland, Massachusetts

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Fowler

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Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM

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1. Name Guy P. Arcill
Address 833 County St.
SOMERSET, MASS.
Telephone OS 2-8429

Place of Employment US Record (Phonograph Records)
Occupation Return Department
Education High School
Special Training
Military Service none

Time AM 8:20PM Time Zone EST

2. Date of Observation 3/30/66

3. Locality of Observation Rehobeth

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 10-12 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, [✓ nighttime] dusk, etc.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. none that I notice

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? No Stars out that I notice

8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. we saw two orange lights that was revolving the lights were in a horizontal position then it started to move

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? it moved in the sky just the lights out in circle

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —
    - a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
    - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? no
    - c. Break up into parts or explode? no
    - d. Give off smoke? no
    - e. Leave any visible trail? no
    - f. Drop anything? no
    - g. Change brightness? no
    - h. Change shape? } windshield [illegible]
    - i. Change color?

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
when it was landing it passed a tree (happen to land)

14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? windshield ~~[illegible]~~ through a small while

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NO What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —
    - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
    - b. Like a bright star.
    - c. Sharply outlined.

lights Bright and they were revolving

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- [✓ d.] Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? I couldn't tell

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length: Couldn't tell

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? we were going along [illegible]. when one of us spotted the light

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] driving around —

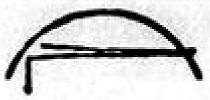
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? It descended

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. much slower

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. Not that I think of

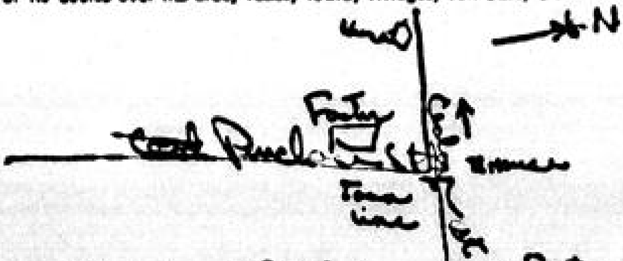
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). no estimate

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Ernie Russo, Marge. [illegible] Jackie [illegible]

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? Fall River Air Port.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. NO

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. Interviewed. WSAR - Brain Hunting. WPRO TV + Radio Herald News

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. Interviewed By Phone - Air Force investigators

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. NO

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (✓) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: April 2, 1966 Signature: Guy L. [illegible]

③ and: very slowly then the lights turn vertical. then Started ~~[illegible]~~ descending toward the ground. As the lights started to descending about to reach the tree tops the lights started to dim.

High Voltage lines Behind me.

Guy Averill   April 2 - 1966

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1. Name Jacqueline T. Letourneau
Address 831 Globe St.
Fall River Mass
Telephone OS 9-8416
Place of Employment Bristol Knitting Mills
Occupation machine operator
Education 2 yrs. of high school
Special Training
Military Service

2. Date of Observation March 30, 1966 Time AM 8:30 PM Time Zone EST

3. Locality of Observation Rehoboth, Mass.

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 15 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? I didn't really see any stars

8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. yes, the lights were revolving

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? yes

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. they were as bright as headlights
(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? no
- c. Break up into parts or explode? no
- d. Give off smoke? no
- e. Leave any visible trail? no
- f. Drop anything? no
- g. Change brightness? got a little brighter then started to fade
- h. Change shape? no
- i. Change color? no

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.

14. Was there any wind? very little If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? windshield

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? no What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

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very bright

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? fall (slowly)

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit – from far the lights were grapefruit size, maybe larger.
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? I looked out the window and spotted 3 bright amber lights revolving and there was nothing else in the sky but those 3 lights.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
Just traveling along Cedar St. in Rehoboth, Mass.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?
It descended slowly into a clump of trees about ½ a 1 mile away from the car.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

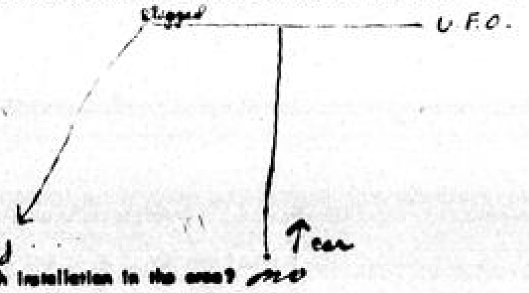
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.
none at all

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).
no estimate

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Mary L. Mooney
Ernest Munce
Guy Averill

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? no

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. no

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Herald News - Second St. Fall River, Mass. — WALE Radio - Tony Davis - So. Main St.

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Interviewed by Air Force official from Otis A.F.B.
Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. no

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35. Date of filling out this report: April 2, 1966. Signature: Jacqueline T. Letourneau

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1. Name MARY LOUISE MOONEY
   Address 28 Brayton Avenue
   FALL RIVER, MASS
   Telephone 0586836
   Place of Employment MASON'S Furniture
   Occupation SWITCH BOARD OPERATOR + OFFICE CLERK
   Education GRADUATE OF HIGH SCHOOL
   Special Training
   Military Service

2. Date of Observation MARCH 30, 1966
   Time X AM 8:20 PM Time Zone EST

3. Locality of Observation CEDAR St- REHOBOTH

4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes Seconds 10 MINUTES

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, [✓ nighttime], dusk, etc.

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. NONE

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? NO

8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. SOUTH

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. BLINKING LIGHTS, ALTERNATING MOVING VERY SLOWLY, LIGHTS THEN FADED AND WENT FROM A HORIZONTAL POSITION TO A VERTICAL POSITION

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? YES

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)
    - a. Appear to stand still at any time? YES
    - b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? NO
    - c. Break up into parts or explode? NO
    - d. Give off smoke? NO
    - e. Leave any visible trail? NO
    - f. Drop anything? NO
    - g. Change brightness? YES
    - h. Change shape? NO
    - i. Change color? NO

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. Behind Trees (Tall)

14. Was there any wind? NO If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? WINDOW PANE

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NO What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — NONE
    - a. Fuzzy or blurred.
    - b. Like a bright star.
    - c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- [✓ c.] Reflecting?
- ✓ d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion?

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	~~Pea~~	e.	Half dollar	[✓ h.]	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? BECAUSE OF THE BLINKING LIGHTS

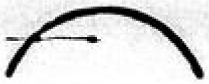
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
EL IN AN AUTOMOBILE TAKING A RIDE

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?
DESENDED

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.
NO

✓26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

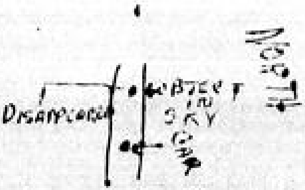


27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:
HIGHER THAN A TELEPHONE POLE

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.
JACKIE LE TOURCAU, ERNEST BANKS, GUY AVERILL

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.

REHOBOTH



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?
I DON'T KNOW

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
NO

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

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NO

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You may use my name. (✓)
Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: April 4, 1966
Signature: Mary Louise Moody

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1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

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1. Name [illegible] ← [illegible]
   Address 24 New Hampshire Ave
   SOMERSET, MASS
   Telephone OS 80196

   Place of Employment Pine Sportswear
   Occupation Presser
   Education
   Special Training
   Military Service

   Time AM PM 5-15 Time Zone
2. Date of Observation
3. Locality of Observation
4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes 5-6 Seconds
5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. no
7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? yes
8. Were there more than one object? yes If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating 2 direction of movement, if any. see
9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. It was to light it was reveling
10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? yes
11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc.

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —
    a. Appear to stand still at any time? ✓
    b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
    c. Break up into parts or explode?
    d. Give off smoke?
    e. Leave any visible trail?
    f. Drop anything?
    g. Change brightness?
    h. Change shape? ✓
    i. Change color?
13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
14. Was there any wind? no If so, please give direction and speed.
15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What?
16. Did the object(s) have any sound? no What kind? How loud?
17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) — lighton
    a. Fuzzy or blurred.
    b. Like a bright star. ✓
    c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish? ✓
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? no

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
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c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length. 5 feet ~~[illegible]~~ apard

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? we saw the light in the ~~k~~ sky

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? we were in Lighton we were driving a lorry

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? it came down

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. no

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch: ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to the light

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. Guy Mary Gadbly

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile. it was over the ~~[illegible]~~ road

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? no

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you. [illegible]

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You may use my name. (✓) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: April 2, 1966 Signature: Ernest Nunes

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1. Name BERNICE H. BAER
Address DANFORTH ST.
Rehoboth, Mass.
Telephone 252-3754
Place of Employment HOUSEWIFE
Occupation
Education High School plus one year nurses Training.
Special Training
Military Service

2. Date of Observation WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1966 Time Between AM 8 & 8:15 PM Time Zone EASTERN STANDAR

3. Locality of Observation RTE. 118. MOULTON ST. REHOBOTH

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 2 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc.
NIGHT TIME, CLEAR AND COLD

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
DID NOT SEE MOON

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?

8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. ALL I SAW WERE TWO LARGE, ROUND, RED-ORANGE LIGHTS

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky?
YES

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. THEY WERE BRIGHTER THAN AN OUTDOOR TV. TOWER LIGHT.

12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?
c. Break up into parts or explode?
d. Give off smoke?
e. Leave any visible trail?
f. Drop anything?
g. Change brightness?
h. Change shape?
i. Change color?

THESE LIGHTS SEEMED TO REMAIN STATIONARY FOR PERHAPS A MINUTE THEN MOVED SWIFTLY SIDEWAYS TO THE RIGHT AND THEN DISAPPEARED FROM OUR VIEW.

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.
NO

14. Was there any wind? If so, please give direction and speed.
WE WERE INSIDE AN AUTOMOBILE AT THE TIME.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? WINDSHIELD

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?
DON'T KNOW

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

a. Fuzzy or blurred.
b. Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.

THESE LIGHTS WERE BLURRED IN OUTLINE AND VERY BRIGHT

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous?
- b. Dull finish?
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent?

I DID NOT SEE ANY DESIGN OR OUTLINE OF ONE.

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? REMAINED AT SAME ELEVATION

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Half dollar
- f. Silver dollar
- g. Orange
- h. Grapefruit
- i. Larger

A LARGE MELON

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? DRIVING ALONG THEY WERE VERY OBVIOUS

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? IN A CAR ON THE WAY TO WARREN, R.I.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? WE PROBABLY LOST OBJECT AS WE WENT DOWNHILL AND TREES OBSCURED ROAD

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

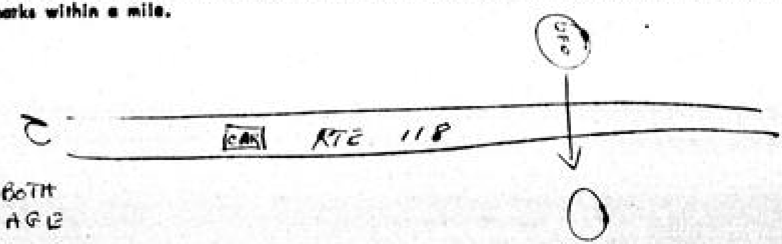
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any.
ELLEN ROSE, BAY STATE RD. - MARILYN GREENE, WOODLAND WAY - GARDNER & ELEANOR ZONDER CHESTNUT ST. ALL REHOBOTH

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? NIKE BASE

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
NO

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.
NONE

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You may use my name. (✓)   Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report: April 2, 1966   Signature: Bernie H Beer

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1. Name GARDNER C. BORDEN

Address ROCKY HILL RD.
REHOBOTH, MASS.

Telephone BL 2-3313

Place of Employment STARKWEATHER & SHEPLEY, INC
PROVIDENCE, RI

Occupation OFFICE MGR - INSURANCE AGENCY

Education BS IN BA. - BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Special Training ADVANCED INSURANCE - BRYANT COLLEGE

Military Service 3 YR 9 MO. 1st LT. U.S. ARMY - TRANSPORTATION CORPS

2. Date of Observation 30 MAR 1966 Time AM 8:30 [✓ PM] Time Zone EST.

3. Locality of Observation REHOBOTH, MASS. RT. 118 2 MILES SOUTH OF RT 118 JTC. RT 44

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 2-3 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. NIGHT

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. NOT VISIBLE

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? NO - VERY DARK NIGHT.

8. Were there more than one object? NO If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. TWO LARGE BRIGHTLY GLOWING RED-ORANGE LIGHTS WITH A MORE DULL SMALLER LIGHT BELOW AND IN THE MIDDLE. - ~~[illegible]~~ WAS NOT REVOLVING. THE LIGHTS WERE ABOUT THREE TIMES THE WITH OF THE ROAD APART - OR ABOUT ~~[illegible]~~ 100 FT. IF MY ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE WAS CORRECT.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? BRIGHT LIGHTS - YES

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. CAR HEADLIGHTS

12. Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

[✓ a.] Appear to stand still at any time? - YES WHEN FIRST SEEN
[✓ b.] Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? - YES AS WE APPROACHED AT APPX 35-40 MPH.
c. Break up into parts or explode? - NO
d. Give off smoke? - NO
e. Leave any visible trail? - NO
f. Drop anything? - NO
g. Change brightness? - NO
h. Change shape? - NO
i. Change color? - NO

AS IT MOVED OFF THE LIGHTS MAINTAINED SAME RELATIVE POSITION.

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. AS OBJECT SPED AWAY IT WAS LOW ENOUGH TO SHOW TREE TOP IN FRONT ABOUT 300 YDS AWAY

14. Was there any wind? NO If so, please give direction and speed. —

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? YES What? CAR WINDSHIELD

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? NOT KNOWN ~~What kind?~~ CAR WINDOWS CLOSED How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

NO OBJECT SEEN
LIGHTS WERE (B).

a. Fuzzy or blurred.
[✓ b.] Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

[✓ a.] Self-luminous? APPEARED TO SHINE LIGHT LARGE, BRIGHT FIREFLY GLOW
b. Dull finish?
c. Reflecting?
d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? NO

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

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b. Pea
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d. Nickel
e. Half dollar
f. Silver dollar
[✓ g. Orange]
h. Grapefruit
i. Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? ROUNDED A CURVE IN THE ROAD. OBJECT WAS ALMOST OVER THE ROAD - STRAIGHT AHEAD.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
DRIVING THE CAR

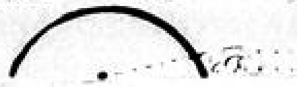
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?
RAPIDLY SPED AWAY FROM ME - SAME DIRECTION AND AT GREAT SPEED - LOW LEVEL

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.
UNLIKE JET - FROM STOP TO GETAWAY

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.
NO - PLANE WAS SEEN ABOUT 20 MIN. EARLIER GOING TOWARD BOSTON (EST NORTH)

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).
APP 500 - 1000 YDS.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:
EST - 500 FT.



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. ELLEN ROSE, BAY STATE RD; BERNICE BAER, DANFORTH ST; MARILYN GREENE, WILLIAMS WAY; MY WIFE ELEANOR F BORDEN (ALL REHOBOTH)

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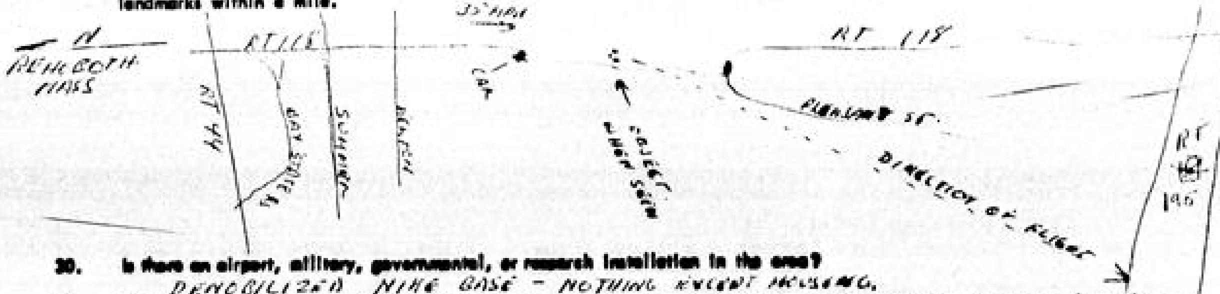

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?
DEMOBILIZED NIKE BASE - NOTHING EXCEPT HOUSING.

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
NO

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NO

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NO

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You may use my name. (X) Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report:
APRIL 4, 1966

Signature: [illegible] C. Borden

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1. Name Ellen W. Rose

Address
Bay State Road
Rehoboth, Mass.

Telephone 253-6631

Place of Employment Burnett Ford, Inc.
Rehoboth

Occupation Secretary

Education 1 year of college

Special Training

Military Service

2. Date of Observation March 30, 1964

Time 8:30 Approx. AM [✓ PM] Time Zone E.S.T.

3. Locality of Observation
Rt 118 - Moulton St.

4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes Seconds
3 minutes

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. nighttime - clear night

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you.
Did not see moon

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible?
Did not notice

8. Were there more than one object? No. If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. A source of three orange-red lights, with a very dim metallic reflection between. Oval or circular.

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? Yes

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Very bright headlights - large sized

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

12. Did the object(s) —

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
- b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? yes
- c. Break up into parts or explode? no
- d. Give off smoke? no
- e. Leave any visible trail? no
- f. Drop anything? no
- g. Change brightness? no
- h. Change shape? no
- i. Change color? no

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.

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Car side window pane

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? What kind? How loud?
Not audibly -

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- c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object —

[✓ a. Self-luminous?]
b. Dull finish?
c. Reflecting?
d. Transparent?

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? N/a

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	[✓ g.]	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)?
Just looking out window of car -

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time?
Driving South on Moulton Street - Rt. 114 - going to Warren.

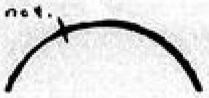
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view?
Moved away in front of us - quite high - West → East

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude.

25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate.
Someone said they saw an airplane before we noticed this. I did not.

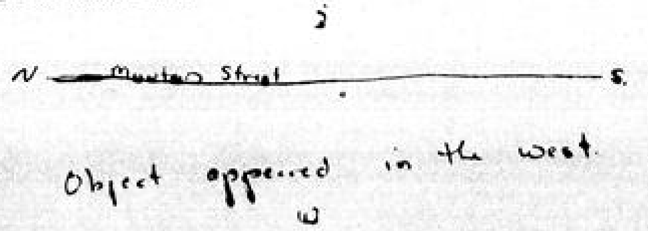
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s).

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:



28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. You have these already

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



Object appeared in the west.

30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area?
Yes Nike Site

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
No

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place.
No - Yes, Chief of Police Owen Brigham

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. No -

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name. (X)

Please keep my name confidential. ( )

35. Date of filling out this report:
April 3, 1966

Signature:
Allen W.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
17 April 66 17/1000Z

2. LOCATION
Ravenna, Mantua, Ohio

3. SOURCE
Civilian

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One Reported

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
SEE CASE FILE

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual

7. COURSE
West to East, Hovered

8. PHOTOS
☒ Yes
☐ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION
1. PHOTO: (PROCESSING DEFECTS)
2. SATELLITE
3. Astro (VENUS)

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
SEE CASE FILE

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Y66-14

SUBJECT: UFO (Mantua, Ohio)

ANALYST: Major Quintanilla **PI:** Lt Benson **DATE:** 22 Apr 66

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FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
25 April 1966

Chief Gerald Buchert
Mantua Police Department
Mantua, Ohio 44255

Dear Chief Buchert,

The most probable cause of the object which you were trying to photograph was the planet Venus and this was the reason that you were unable to photograph it with your camera. In order to photograph Venus, you would have had to photograph it with a time exposure. This cannot be done with the type of camera you were using.

Thank you for your cooperation and your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Please Send Mantua Police Dept
Check for $1.31 ℅ or Made out
to Chief Gerald Buchert. 44255

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF PORTAGE
RAVENNA, OHIO
AXminster 6-9911

ALBERT L. [illegible], Judge
JOSEPH E. [illegible], Bailiff
ELIZABETH J. [illegible], Reporter
CLYDE R. PLATT, Jury and Assignment Commissioner

ROBERT E. COOK, Judge
R. A. FITZGERALD, Bailiff
ANN S. JACQUA, Reporter
RICHARD K. SHERIDAN, Chief Probation and Investigating Officer

May 2, 1966

Congressman William Stanton
11th Congressional District
New House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Bill,

When I recently served in Washington as the Congressman from the 11th District, I was often amazed at the number and variety of letters I would receive from certain of my constituents complaining about the action or inaction of various federal officials or employees.

However, as a result of recent events here in Portage County, I believe I now better understand why citizens write their Congressman when upset with certain federal personnel.

I am writing to complain about the attitude and actions of representatives of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field in reference to reports of U F O sightings in Portage County. On April 17th at about 5:00 A. M. two deputies of the Portage County Sheriff's office, Dale Spaur and Wilbur Neff, and the Chief of Police of Mantua, Gerald Buchert, reported that they observed an object in the air over Portage County and the two deputies stated that they chased this object some 85 miles before they were forced to give up their pursuit.

Deputies Spaur and Neff said that they had a good look at the object and at times it was within 100 feet of them. Chief Buchert took a picture of what he saw from a greater distance.

Several police officers along the 85 mile route taken by the Portage County officers confirm their report.

It is my understanding that units of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Field are charged by the United States Air Force with the responsibility to investigate reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in this area.

It is my further understanding that their investigation of these sightings has merely consisted of telephone conversations with several of the eye witnesses and an examination of the photographs taken by Chief Buchert.

Their conclusion that the object sighted was the planet Venus is so ridiculous that the United States Air Force has suffered a great loss of prestige in this community.

However, what bothers me most, as a private citizen and as a former U. S. Congressman, is that representatives of the United States Air Force charged with the responsibility of investigating U F O reports, have never personally come to this county to interview the three eye witnesses to this happening. Wright Patterson is not far away and I am sure there are personnel available to conduct a thorough investigation.

I personally know the three officers involved. They are men of integrity and I feel it is grossly unfair to them for the Air Force to reach any conclusion in this matter until it has conducted a real and complete investigation.

As the Congressman from this District I sincerely urge you to insist that the Air Force immediately send investigators to Portage County to make such an on the spot investigation and to re-evaluate it's findings after such a visit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Cook

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ENGINEERING SUPPORT WORK REQUEST

☐ ENGINEERING ANALYSIS ☒ PHOTO ANALYSIS ☐ MACHINE COMPUTATION

PPT NUMBER: A6010301

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Request photo analysis as to what unidentified object is. A rapid Analysis is needed due to widespread publicity.

MANTUA -

REFERENCE MATERIAL: One film strip. Request material be returned upon completion of analysis.

REQUESTED BY Maj H Quintanilla, Jr SYMBOL TDEW/UFO PHONE 70916/#76678

I CERTIFY THAT THIS WORK IS AUTHORIZED BY ME AND THAT IT HAS THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY AND DEADLINE WITHIN MY DIVISION.

PRIORITY	DEADLINE DATE	SIGNATURE OF APPROVING DIVISION CHIEF	DATE
	22 Apr 66		

ENGINEERING SUPPORT MONITOR ____ ASSISTANT ____

FINAL WORK TO BE IN FORM OF:

☐ ENGINEERING NOTE ☐ COMPUTATION ☐ PI REPORT ☐ DRAWING ☐ PROGRAM

WORK REQUEST APPROVED BY: ____ DEADLINE DATE ____

PRIORITY NUMBER ☐ ONE ☐ TWO ☐ THREE

WORK ORDER NUMBER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 911TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM (RESERVE) (CONAC)
GREATER PITTSBURGH AIRPORT, PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15231

EXT 275

REPLY TO ATTN OF: CSS-I

19 APR 1966

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting 17 Apr 66

TO: Foreign Technical Division
AFSC, Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. A report of a UFO was received from Mr. Dale F. Spaur, Badge #15, Portage County Sheriff's Office, Ravenna, Ohio., 17 Apr 66. Sighting between 0300 and 0600 hours. "First sighted in Ravenna, Ohio along Routes 224 - 44, followed object to Conway, Pa., for about 80 miles. Object seemed to be taking off from ground, oblong shaped, with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance. Object flying about 500 feet over vehicle. It would slow down in speed and then go very fast. The glow from object was so bright it blinded driver of vehicle. Object was flying due east. This was witnessed by people along the route between Ravenna, Ohio and Conway, Pa. There were three (3) men from sheriff's office and two (2) patrol cars that followed object along this route."

2. After the report was received a call was made to the Airport Tower at Greater Pittsburg Airport. Nothing had been picked up on radar at the airport. The Air National Guard, also located at Greater Pittsburgh Airport had been called but not by this organization. F-102's were not scrambled to follow the UFO.

3. Mr. Tom Schley, Beaver County Times, called 0815 hours 18 Apr 66 requesting info on UFO. He mentioned that a photo of the UFO had been taken. Local news media publicized the fact that a photo of the UFO had also been taken but was not being released by the sheriff's office but would be turned over to the Federal Government. Rochester Police and Conway Police were contacted by this office 18 Apr 66. No information concerning UFO was received. Any connection with sighting of UFO was denied.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eugene F. Rehrer

EUGENE F. REHRER
Information Officer

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Newsclippings

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

Sunday (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)

April 17 -

2. Time of day: 5 (Hour) 30 (Minutes)

(Circle One): [✓ A.M.] or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One):
- [✓ a. Eastern]
- b. Central
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other ______

(Circle One):
- a. Daylight Saving
- b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

1459 Jackson Rd. (Nearest Postal Address) Vandalia, Ohio (City or Town) Montgomery (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) ______ Hours 3 or 4 Minutes ______ Seconds

- [✓ a. Certain]
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Guessed

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky? Early morn at 5:30 A.M. and Clear sky.

DAY
- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

NIGHT
- a. Bright
- b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One):
- a. In front of you
- b. In back of you
- c. To your right
- d. To your left
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

The sun hadn't made its appearance as yet on this day.

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Satellite

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

- a. None
- [✓ b. A few]
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

- a. Bright moonlight
- [✓ b. Dull moonlight]
- c. No moonlight – pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Clear sky]
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

- [✓ a. Dry]
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

- a. Solid
- b. Transparent
- c. Vapor
- [✓ d. As a light]
- e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

- a. Brighter
- b. Dimmer
- [✓ c. About the same]
- d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object: ____________________

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
- [✓ b. Like a bright star]
- c. Sharply outlined
- d. Don't remember
- e. Other ____________________

13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't know

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

1. yes
2. I watched it till it faded out of sight.

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes [✓ No] Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: ____________

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes [✓ No] Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: ____________

17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound There was no sound.

b. Color Bright as a Star.

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes [✓ No]

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? ____________

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes [✓ No]

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? ____________

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One)*:

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
[✓ c. Outdoors]
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other ____________

23. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
[✓ c. In open countryside?]
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other ____________

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? ____________ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

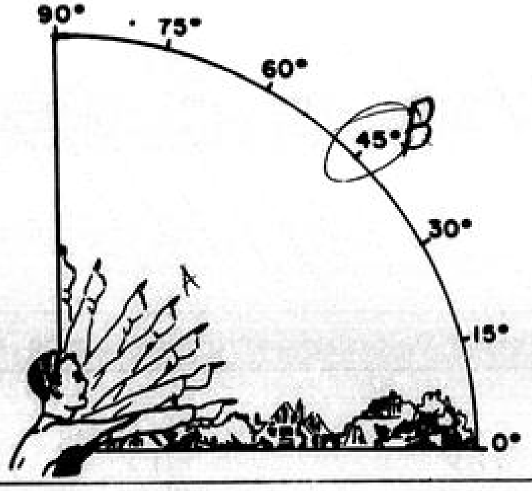
25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

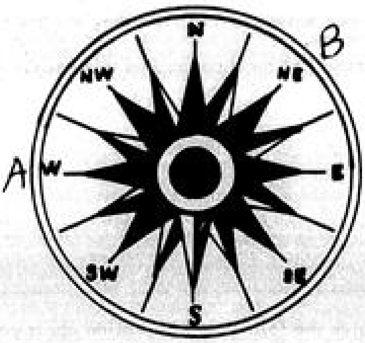
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other ____________		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

I saw this bright star like object in the West (direction) moving swiftly in a North-eastly (direction). The fact that it was moving so swiftly, this is what drew my attention.

27. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it. Place an "A" on the compass when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the compass where you *last* saw the object.





28. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

29. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ____________________

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? (*Circle One*) Yes [✓ No]

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? (*Circle One*) Yes No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Oaks (Last Name) Mary (First Name) J. (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 1459 Jackson Rd.-Vandalia (Street, City) ___ (Zone) Ohio (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 898-45-87 AGE 44 SEX F

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

17 (Day) April (Month) 1966 (Year)

1st to my Husband
2. WLWD-TV Station
3. Wright-Patterson AFB

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:	23	april	1966
	Day	Month	Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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Up & down L & R

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Don't Know (turned back & gone)

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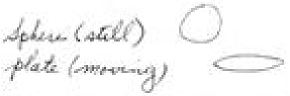
Sphere (still)
plate (moving)

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- f. Other ____

23. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- [✓ b.] In the residential section of a city? Villag
- c. In open countryside?
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- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other ____

24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North	c. East	e. South	g. West
b. Northeast	d. Southeast	f. Southwest	h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? ____ miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No Still

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other eyes		

26. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

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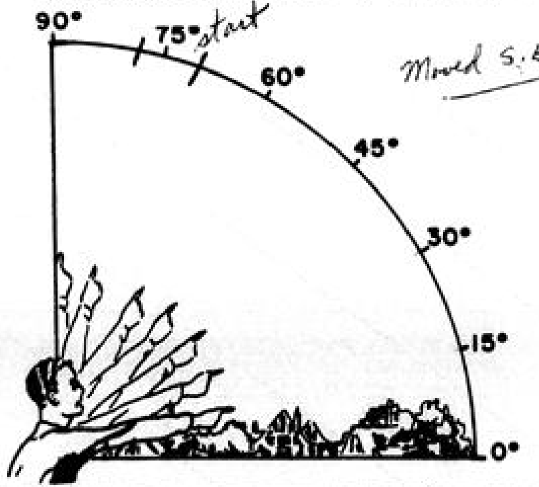

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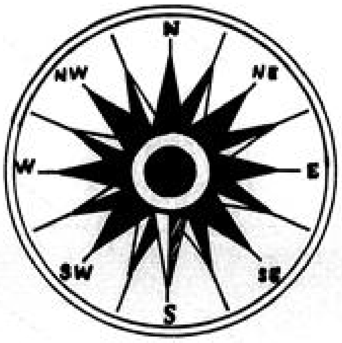

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Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

30. Have you ever seen this, or a similar object before. If so give date or dates and location.

No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* Yes No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* [✓ Yes] No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

G.F. 4487 Orchard St
Manu
Box 265

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Buchert (Last Name) Joan Gerald (First Name) Irene Fredrick (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 4487 Orchard (Street) Mantua (City) — (Zone) Ohio (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 274 2077 AGE ____ SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

Chief of Police
Has picture of "object"

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Keyhoe's Outfit?

17 (Day) April (Month) 66 (Year)

34. Date you completed this questionnaire:	17	April	66
	Day	Month	Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

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1. When did you see the object?

17 (Day) april (Month) 1966 (Year)

2. Time of day: 5 (Hour) 04 (Minutes)

(Circle One): [✓ A.M.] or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): [✓ a. Eastern]
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other ______

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

St Rt 224 (Nearest Postal Address) atwater (City or Town) Portage county (State or County)

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 1 (Hours) 35 (Minutes) ? (Seconds)

[✓ a. Certain]
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? It Came right over our Car & Stopped

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes ✓ No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

[✓ DAY]
[✓ a. Bright]
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): [✓ a. In front of you]
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
[✓ b. Dull moonlight]
c. No moonlight – pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*:

[✓ a. Clear sky]
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*:

[✓ a. Dry]
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

10. The object appeared: *(Circle One)*:

[✓ a. Solid]
b. Transparent
c. Vapor
[✓ d. As a light]
e. Don't remember

11. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *(Circle One)*:

[✓ a. Brighter]
b. Dimmer
c. About the same
d. Don't know

11.1 Compare brightness to some common object: ______________________________

12. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):
a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
[✓ c. Sharply outlined]
d. Don't remember
e. Other ______________________________

13. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	[✓ Yes]	No	Don't know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
e. Change brightness?	[✓ Yes]	No	Don't know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't know
h. Disappear and reappear?	Yes	No	Don't know

14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? no

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: a hill while we were on route 51 about ½ to 1 mile east of Rochester Pa

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes [✓ No] Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of:

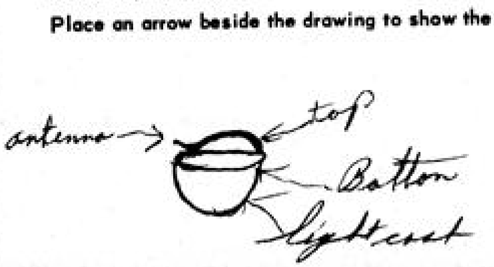
17. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound a small humming sound

b. Color bright white or Silver maybe even blue

18. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? to hold a match stick at arms length it would of covered the whole match & your hand or fist also

19. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



20. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 103 miles Per the ground speed

21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 150' to 200'

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

a. Inside a building
[✓ b.] In a car
[✓ c.] Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other in the car

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f. Flying over open country?
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24. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

24.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

a. North
b. Northeast
[✓ c.] East
[✓ d.] Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

24.2 How fast were you moving? 103 miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

25. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
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I never seen any thing like it before

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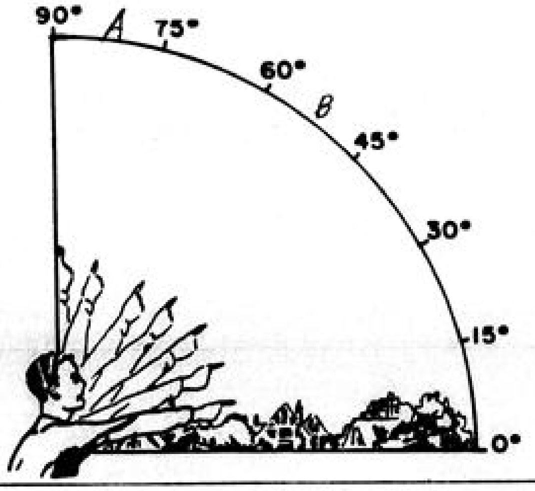

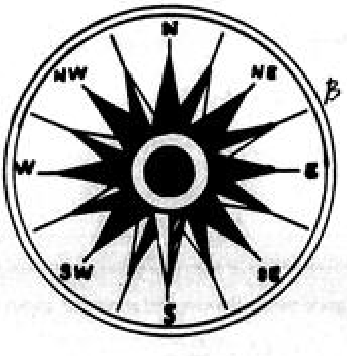

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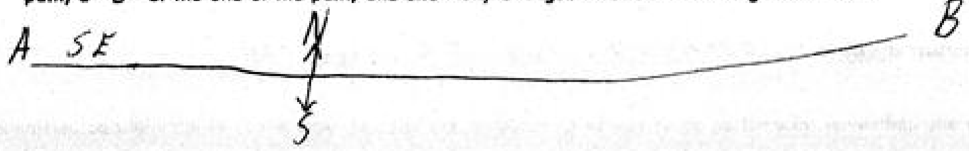

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no

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31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

D. F. Spaur Sheriffs office

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Neff (Last Name) Wilbor (First Name) Louis (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 8693 St Rt 14 (Street) Streetsboro (City) (Zone) Ohio. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 6264507 AGE 26 SEX M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

16 (Day) april (Month) 66 (Year) Sgt Shoenfelt

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this vehicle or ? whatever it was could manover up&down sideway or straight ahead. It also could hover in on spot or it seemed like could, depends on the angle in what you were looking at it

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3. Time Zone: (Circle One):
[✓ a. Eastern]
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other ________

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
St. Rt. 224 Nearest Postal Address
Atwater City or Town
Portage. State or County

5. How long was object in sight? (Total Duration) 1 Hours 35 Minutes ? Seconds

[✓ a. Certain]
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

5.1 How was time in sight determined? IT CAME RIGHT OVER OUR CAR & STOPED.

5.2 Was object in sight continuously? Yes X No ____

6. What was the condition of the sky?

[✓ DAY]
[✓ a. Bright]
b. Cloudy

[✓ NIGHT]
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A Welder Arc.

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14. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? NO

15. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: yes about 20.25 seconds going into Parachute pass. it Staped and ~~watched~~ Waited for us.

16. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

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a. Sound Just a Humming sound.

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This object was 35 to 50 feet across and about 15-20 feet high

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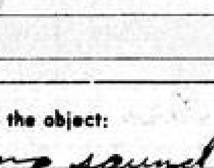

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(Circle One) Yes No

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21. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? No more than 150'

22. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- [✓ c.] Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- [✓ f.] Other Good in the Car.

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24.2 How fast were you moving? 103' miles per hour.

24.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No in Conway Pa.

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b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
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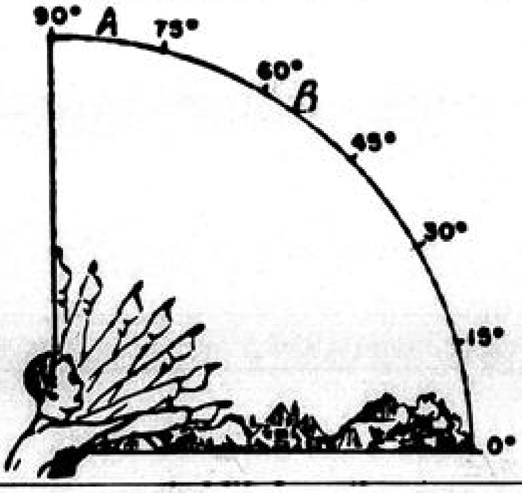

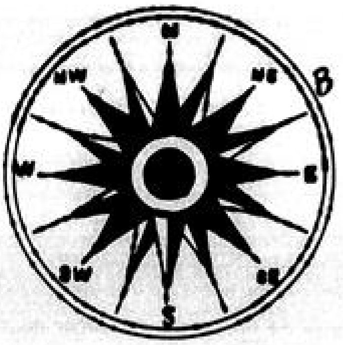

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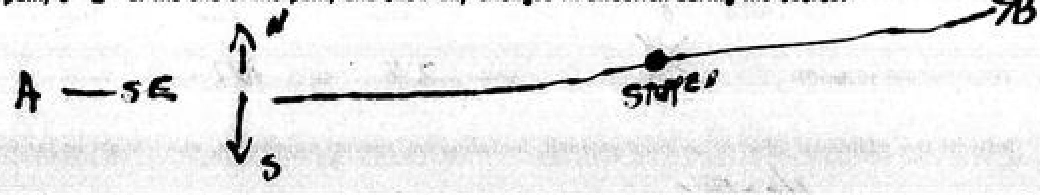

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No

31. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object? *(Circle One)* [✓ Yes] No

31.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too? *(Circle One)* [✓ Yes] No

31.2 Please list their names and addresses:

W. L. NEFF SHERIFF'S OFFICE

32. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME Spaur (Last Name) Dale (First Name) F. (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 3022 Douglas St (Street) Ravenna (City) ___ (Zone) Ohio (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER X AGE 34 SEX M.

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any special experience, which might be pertinent.

NONE.

33. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

16 (Day) April (Month) 66 (Year) Sgt. Schoenfelt,

34. Date you completed this questionnaire: 10 Day May Month 66 Year

35. Information which you feel pertinent and which is not adequately covered in the specific points of the questionnaire or a narrative explanation of your sighting.

THIS Ven, OR ? was able to move up &
Down or to the right or left, Could stop & start any
time. there was only one thing sticking out and I
thought it to be a radio antenna. and it seemed
to be Silver. The Light would get brighter as it
went higher.

Memo for the Record: 19 Apr 66

Subj: Radar Report for 17 Apr 66, 0530 - 0615

Conversation with Oakdale, Pennsylvania, 662d Radar Sq (SAGE), Allegheny County, area code 412, 276-5800.x1561 Lt Parkett in charge. There was nothing on radar on 17 April 1966 between 0530 and 0615. NEGATIVE.

CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL HENDRICKS, YOUNGSTOWN RESERVE 18 Apr 66.

We have been erroneously quoted by the AP, also have been falsely quoted. Have had no contact with the news media. In the initial release of a plane being two fast or two slow, nothing. I have attempted this morning to find out who in the organization may have had contact. Could find no one. News media had called last night and were informed that they had no information. Spoke with the writer of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (Bl~~l~~oomfield) who claims the Air Force planes were too fast. He doesn't know where the info came from. They are quering the AP wires. Youngstown did not have any aircraft airborne. Major asked him if there were any other units close. Air Force Information flight in Cleveland. Gave him Sara's number in Washington to call so she could inform the Colonel up there and so she could squelch the news that they had a/c aloft, when actually they did not.

UFO REPORT RECEIVED OVER TELEPHONE FROM GREATER PITTSBURGH, AIRPORT, 18 Apr 66

Sheriff Spaur, Ravenna, Ohio, spotted object 0300-0600, 17 Apr 66. First sighted in Ravenna along Route 224 and 44, followed object to Conway for about 80 miles. Object seemed to take off from ground, oblong, shaped with antenna projecting from it. There were no colored lights only a very bright silvery radiance, object flying 500 feet over vehicle. It would slow down and speed up and then go very fast. The glow was so bright it blinded the driver of the vehicle. Object going due East. Witnessed by people from Ravenna and Conway. Three more from Sheriff's office. Two cars followed object along this route. Dep Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, was observer. Pittsburgh didn't send up any aircraft. Have flying box cars 119, is all they have. Air National Guard was contacted to scramble their 102's but they didn't since nothing showed up on radar. The 102's were not scrambled. They belong to the Air National Guard. The release on the sighting was broke from the Sheriff's office at East Palestine, Ohio and Conway, Pa. He has tried to contact the police at Conway and Rochester, Pa. They refuse to give the AF any information. Pittsburgh did not release anything to the press. To his knowledge the Air National Guard did not release any information. The responsibility is the Air Force's so they take it. Air National Guard Number is area code 412 264-3380, Colonel Philippe. Pittsburg will call us if they have more info (Eugene Reher)

WIND DATA for the Northeastern Ohio Area 17 April 1966

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	SPEED
2,000	120	15
5,000	LV	10
8,000	280	12
10,000	290	12
14,000	330	10
20,000	330	25
25,000	320	45
30,000	320	45
35,000	310	50
40,000	300	45
50,000	290	30

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Congressman Stanton Miss Kasrobi 202-225-5306 D.C.

17 April Sighting North-Eastern Ohio

Detailed phone testimony from Chief of Police Gerald F. Buchert Mantua
Written statement from Gerald Buchert.....quite complete.
Photographs from Buchert:
Bkgnd density 1.25 image 1.06 processing defects...old fogged film poorly handled in developing.

Deputh Sherif Dale Spaur Ravenna
Testimony complete satellite sighting/ saw Venus

Indicated Judge looks
no merit in case.

8 other phone calls

Radar rport 662 Radar Sq. negative.

Both Buchert and Spaur gave excellent testimony over phone.

I doubt much more can be gained be personal interview..

Calls of 18 Apr 66 on Northeastern Ohio & Pennsylvania Sighting of 17 Apr 66.

Associated Press, Columbus, Ohio (0815) We have not received a report from Northeastern Ohio as yet, therefore, we could make no comment.

Joe Collier, Maine - 3- 1111, Cleveland Press - Informed us that two deputies Sheriffs, from Portage County also observed object. Deputy Sheriff W. L. Neff of Ravenna, Ohio area code 216. Followed object to Pittsburg. Also said Buchert is holding a picture subject to request by Air Force that it not be shown. Major explained that all were interested in is the original negative and he can do whatever he wants to do with them. Understood that the Air Force at Youngstown Reserve at Vienna sent up planes.

Mr Tom/~~Cook~~ Koch, WHLO News - I have no information on the sighting as yet. I have a call into Mr Neff and one to Mr Buchard. Wanted to know if anyone from W-P be coming into Portage County. As of right now I don't no until I get some detailed information. Phones 253-7101 Main Number for WHLO, private number of newsroom 253-2716, area code 216. Tom Koch

Don Oliver, NBC News - Have no information as yet.

WKLN News - No information as yet. We had not been able to get in contact with the witnesses as yet.

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Record Courier, Ravenna, Ohio, Carol Clap. Do not plan to send anyone to the area. We will examine the film after its received. We have received information from Spaur on the telephone. Its impossible to recreate the scene.

JACK JONES, DAYTON DAILY NEWS. Gave him same info as above

WHLO NEWS AKRON - same info as above.

PHONE CONVERSTIONS WITH BILL POWERS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 18 APRIL 1966.

Bill Powers made some phone calls. Called Portage County. Spaur & Neff were in conference. On state route 14 noticed a lighted object going down behind woods. While they were out of squad car. Stopped over the car. Bright enought, it was like daylight. Called the home radio base in Ravenna. Asked them what to do. Told him to keep calm and keep it under observation. When it took down highway they followed. He didn't get any pictures. Followed it, in radio contact with home base. They clocked it for 10 miles, they were driving 83-84 mph. Got near East Palestine, contacted a man in Police, Wayne Houston. It very high speeds. Lost it going across river and finally stopped at Conway. On route 14, almost all the way, into the rea of ElaCripa. Went until Conway. Another Police car and somebody was watching the object. He turned around and went back home. Houston heard the radio contacts going on and was listening, getting within 10 miles established contact. He didn't see until they were five miles away. It was traveling down going SE. He got his car and joined it and described. "Top traveling sideways". Very bright with no speciail lights. No markings, no turning,. As they went into Rochester, thought they saw an antenna. Powers thought we should send someone down to get the right directions. Thought one critical point was when Houston first saw the object. Saw it come over the trees, only five miles. /There is some confusion getting near dawn. By getting over Pennsylvania. They probably started out with a real object, they actually lost it and then saw Venus. All they would see was tiny bright light in sky. None

REPORT BY "TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 18 Apr 66

POLICEMAN GERALD BUCHERT, MANTUA, OHIO AREA CODE 216, phone 274-2251

He had called Lt Weisinger, FTD Duty Officer on 17 Apr 66. I have several prints and negative. The Lt said not to release them. Major explained that he was free to release them or do whatever he wished to do with them. He said the Lt didn't exactly say not to release them but said to hold onto them. Major explained to him that we would like to have the negatives so that we could blow them up. Said he would send them registered mail and asked that we send him a letter stating that we got them. Major explained that he was the officer in charge of the project. Buchert said he wasn't too sure how he should go about reporting his observation. Had a Dacon lens, with fixed lens at 14. No speed, 127 Black and White, thought it was Ansco film. Observed object for 15-20 minutes. It was stopped, didn't appear to be moving, when it did move then went up and down and went back to its same position, left to the right, like it was tilting, went SE, on state route 44. The pictures were taken in front of my farm. Major explained that he could do whatever he wanted to do with the film as far as releasing goes, he could even sell them. Buchert said he would feel kind of silly. He would send them to us registered mail along with ~~a~~ his police report. Said it wasn't a star, plane, or balloon. Looks like two saucers in prints. One object. Major told him we would send him an official report.

REPORT BY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION 18 APRIL 1966

SHERIFF SPAUR, RAVENNA, OHIO.

0506 when I got back from my cruiser, I was checking an abandoned vehicle on 224, very bright light, first attracted. Came from West in an eastern direction, passed over us to the North side of the highway. I believe there was a partial moon due East of us. There was one other object like a star, right of the moon on South of moon at 3 o'clock. The only shape was the roundness of it, unperfect circle, egg shaped, almost like oblong, but not real oblong. So bright that we couldn't look directly at it. It came out of a deep wooded area. Came from the West towards us. We just disregarded it at first. Just a routine patrol. Partner he also observed it. He was to the right of the car. Thought someone might come walking out of the woods Waited to make sure no one was walking behind us. Very low on the horizon. Theother car was watching it from two roads above it. It was not more than 150 feet over the one area. Didn't have a red light. No wind. When it came over us it lighted the whole area. The ground was lighted by this object. Like looking at arc welder, blue-white light. The only sound heard was a humming sound like a power transformer, no thrust like from a jet. No sudden surge of power. It went to the north side of the road. Angled slightly, bottom came across 224 on the south side of road, started going East. Slow movement. We ran back and had a camera. Kept under surveillance till it could be possiblyphotographed. Those were our instructions after we had called in. The Mantua Police had photographed the object. We have a copy from Mantua. Major Quintanilla explained

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Memo for the Record

Monday, 18 April 66, Aiman Elmer placed a call to Sulpher Grove to find out the general wind directions in the eastern ohio area. Winds were westerly from the surface up. They launced a weather balloon at 0030 and it would not have been the cause of the sighting.

The wind data (Surface up to 50,000 feet) was obtained from Major Smith.

On 18 April 66 the following [illegible] agencys were called to find out if a ballon was in the area at the time of the sighting.

National Center For Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Boulder, Colorado
Dr. Alvin Morris (AC 303) 443-1960 ext. 502

Negative

Balloon Control Center
Holloman AFB, New Mexico
Robert Slaven Autovon 553-1360
Negative Suggested 4th Weather Group at Goodfellow

4th Weather Group
Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas
Autovon 733-1640
Negative

Office of Naval Research (ONR)
Henry Demboski Direct 86-64723
Negative - No launches of balloons at Churchill, Canada.

Weather Bureau, Akron, Ohio
216/896-1311
Negative - They dont launch balloons.
Youngstown, Ohio launches a balloon every 6 hours
Columbus, Ohio also launches a balloon every 6 hours
They would not be the cause of the sighting.
No other known balloon launches in the area.

Memo for the Record

Call made to Holloman AFB, New Mexico (29 Apr 66) Autovon 553-1360 ext. 4421. Airman Elmer stated that he had heard that a ballon came down near Washington Court House, Ohio on the 19th. Heard that it was x classified in nature and that they had been launching these balloons for the past month. XXX Wanted to know if it was at all possible that one of these balloons were in the area on 17 April. The balloon that came down on the 19th was confirmed and was one of thiers but it was not in the area on the 17th. They launched one on the 14th but it was down on the 17th.

The following agencys were called by airman Elmer to find out if one of the satellites Echo I,II ; Pegusus I,II,III. would be visable in the area at the time of the sighting on 17 April 66.

Smithsonian Astrophysics Laboratory
Boston, Mass.
Mr. James Cornell -- Public Information
AC 617 Un4-47910 ext. 463
They only track and plott the Echo satellites and only for east coast xxxxxx cities. Did not think an Echo satellite would have been visable in Ohio at the time of the sighting.

Marshall Space Flight Center
Huntsville, Alabama
Mr. Edward Buckdie AC 205 876-0210
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Used to track the Pegusus satellites but they dont keep track of them anymore.

Goddard Spase Flight Center.
Mr Mike Harloff Washington DC 134-5566
Definately not ECHOI or ECHOII they were over the southern hemisphere at the time of the sighting. Dont track the Pegusus satellites.

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NORTHEASTERN, OHIO

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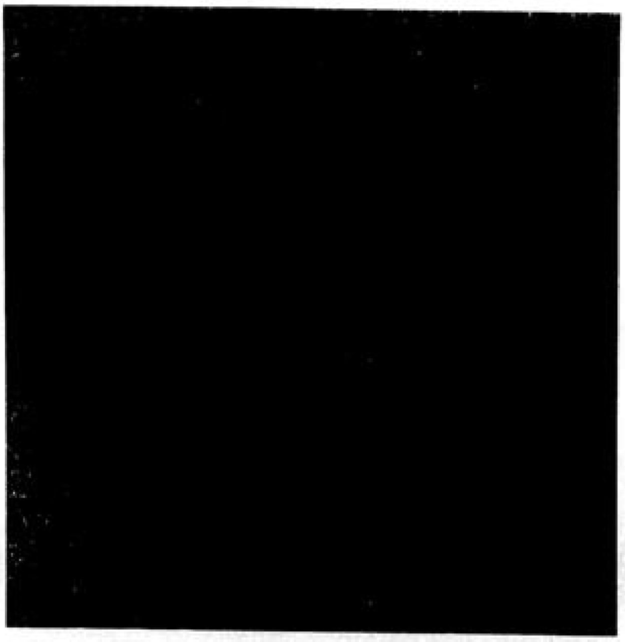

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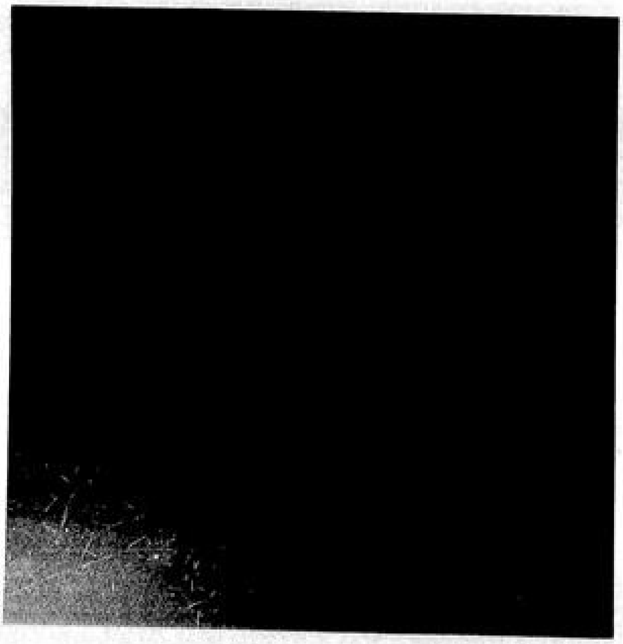

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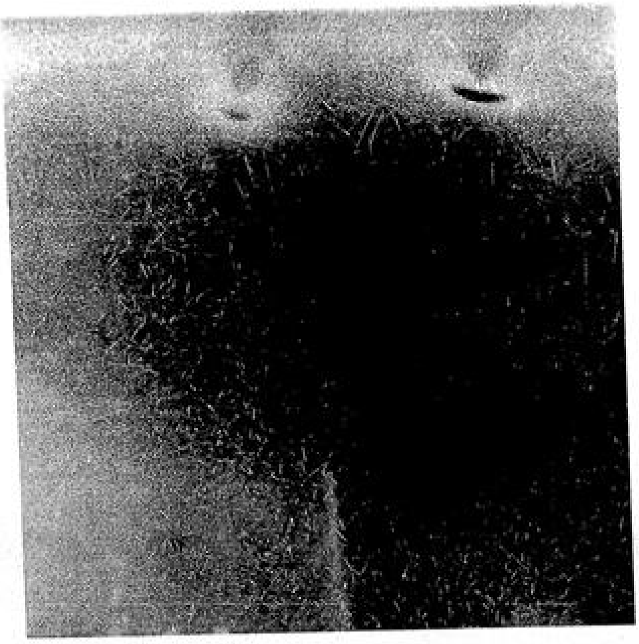

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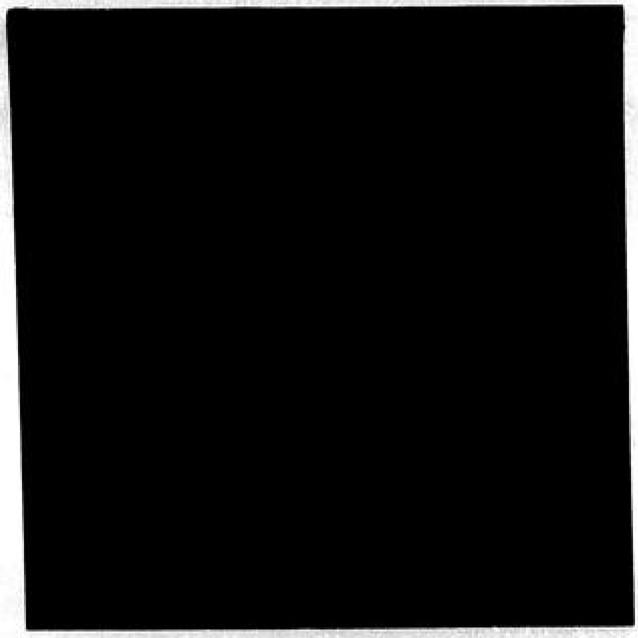

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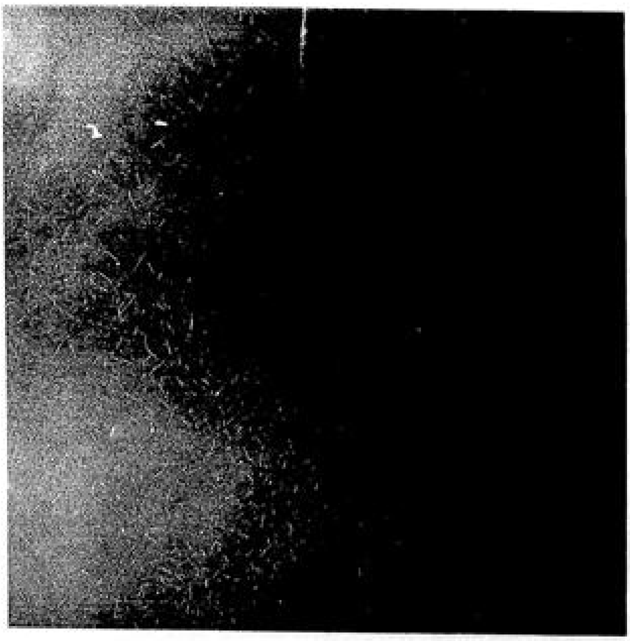

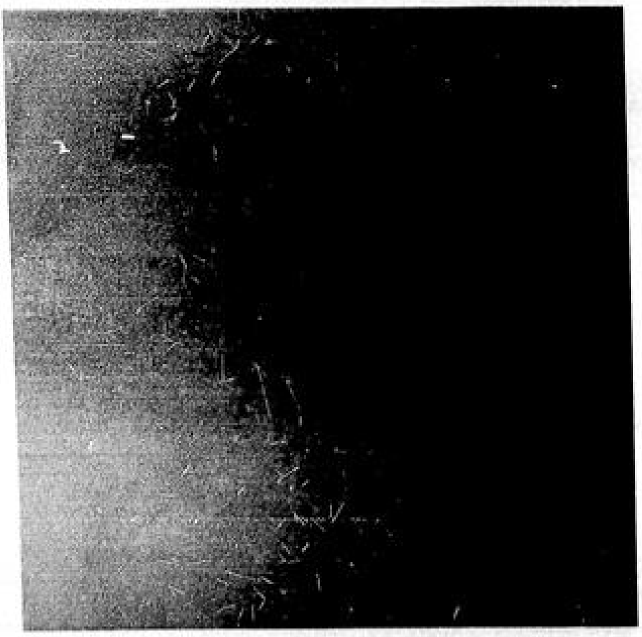

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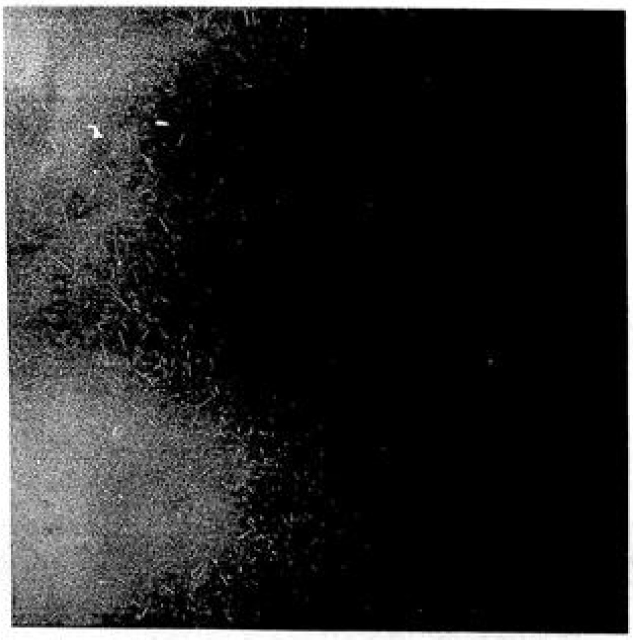

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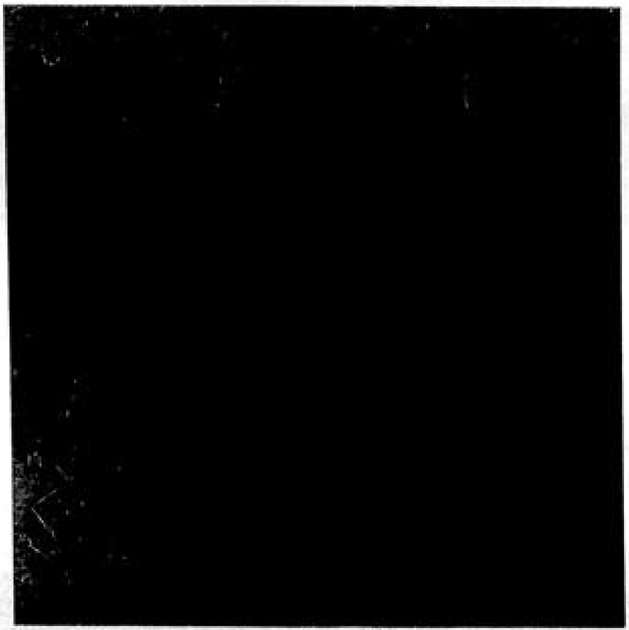

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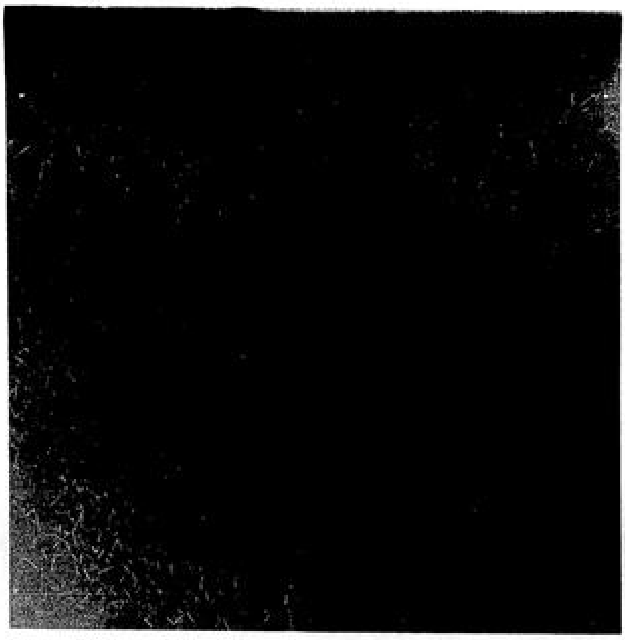

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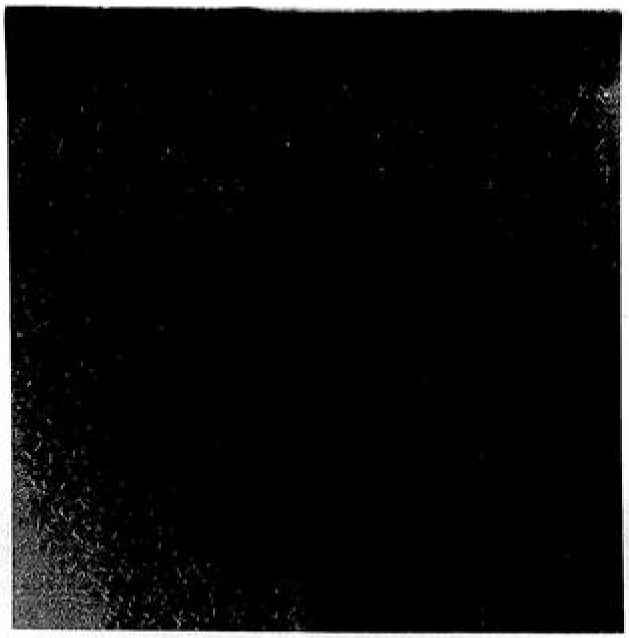

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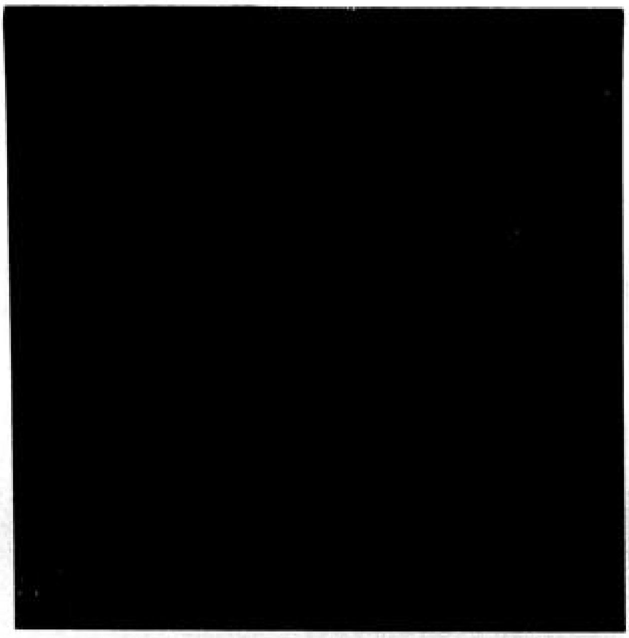

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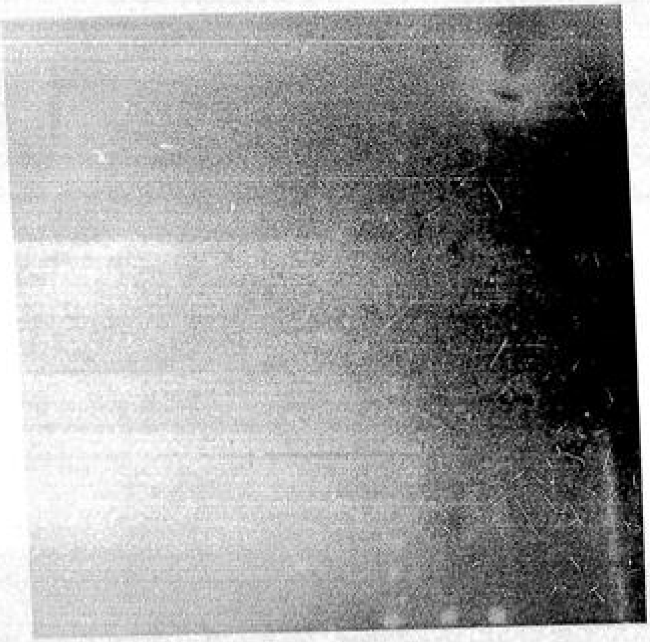

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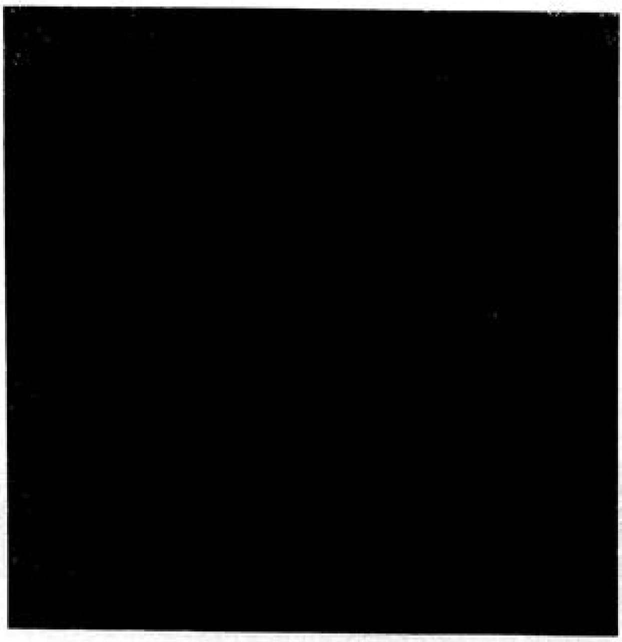

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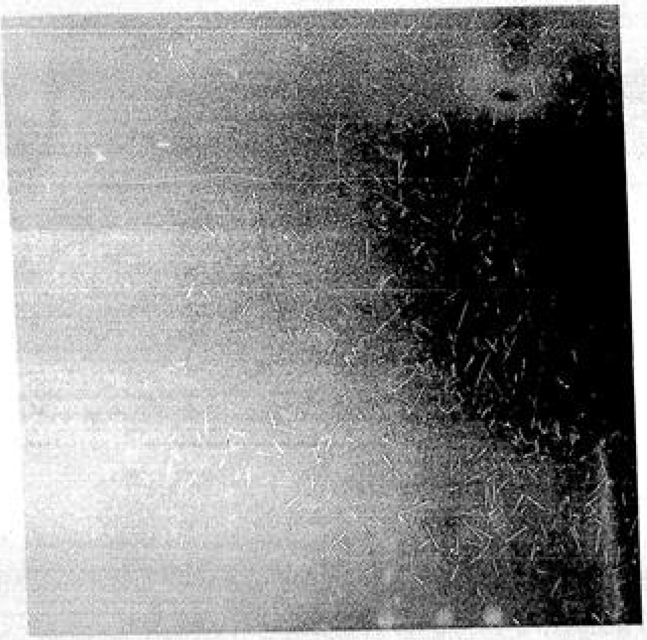

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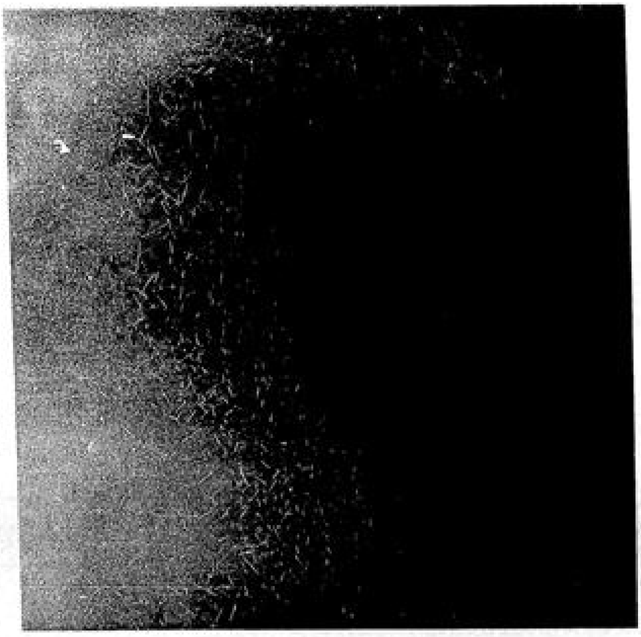

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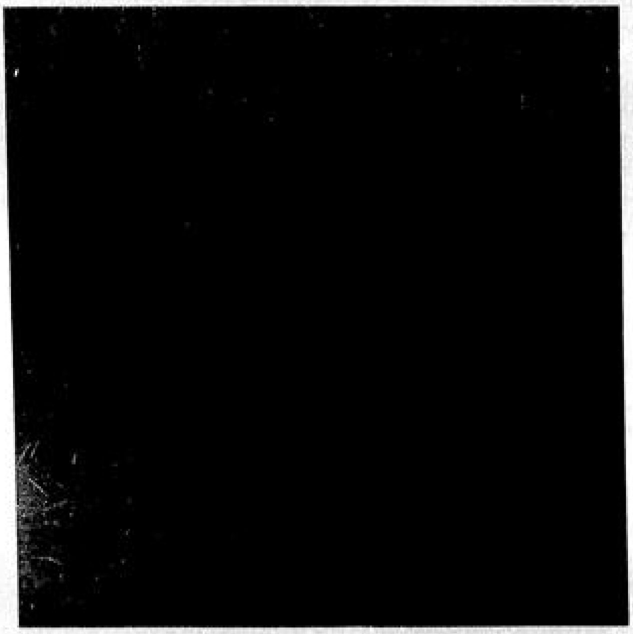

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UFO Near Reading

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lebo said the object emitted no sounds but changed colors from bright yellow to red and blue. Lebo said he called his three sons to the window and they watched the object through a small telescope. They said it rose slowly until it was high in the sky and appeared like a morning star before it vanished in the sunrise.

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Wednesday, April 20, 1966

DARK OBJECT SAID TO BE PICTURE OF UFO NEAR RAVENNA
Mantua Police Chief Took Shot While Following Object—UPI

POLICE CHIEF SAW IT

This Saucer Had Large Red Light

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His report followed that of other Benson Harbor residents who said they saw a strange flying object during the week end.

"WE WERE LOOKING out the front window and my wife remarked, 'look at that large airplane and how low it is,'" McCarroll said. "I looked and I said, 'that's not an airplane.'

"Then we went out the front door where we could get a better view. It was floating along but there was no noise, no sound at all.

"It was very, low, probably 100-150 feet off the ground. It disappeared behind the buildings and trees and we couldn't see it any longer.

"IT DEFINITELY wasn't an airplane. It did have a large red dome light on it that was blinking, and other lights around it. We couldn't determine just exactly the shape of it."

Two girls at Lake Michigan beach, a Benton Harbor suburb, reported a similar sighting Saturday night.

Rome Daily Sentinel - 18 Apr 66

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Associated Press Wirephoto

Deputy Dale Spaur says flying objects he chased looked like head of flashlight

(000) FLYING SAUCER

WASHINGTON, APRIL 22 (UPI)- THE AIR FORCE [illegible] OBJECT IN THE SKY WHICH AN OHIO DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID HE CHASED [illegible] FROM THE GROUND PROBABLY WAS [illegible]

[illegible], THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT A [illegible] OBJECT REPORTEDLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANOTHER LAW OFFICER [illegible] DAY PROBABLY APPEARED ON FILM AS TWO IMAGES BECAUSE OF "PROCESSING DEFECTS" IN DEVELOPING THE PICTURES.

LAST SUNDAY, DEPUTY SHERIFF DALE F. SPAUR OF RAVENNA, OHIO, REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER CHASED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

SPAUR SAID THAT FROM THE GROUND THE OBJECT LOOKED LIKE THE [illegible] OF A FLASHLIGHT, THAT ITS LINES WERE VERY DISTINCT, AND THAT "SOMEBODY HAD CONTROL OVER IT."

THE AIR FORCE SAID WHAT SPAUR SAW WAS PROBABLY THE PASSAGE OF A SATELLITE OVER NORTHEASTERN OHIO, ADDING:

"AS THE SATELLITE APPROACHED THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE SKY, IT DISAPPEARED, AND SHERIFF SPAUR FOCUSED HIS EYES ON THE PLANET VENUS.

"VENUS WAS RISING IN THE SOUTHEAST AND WAS AT A MAGNITUDE..... WHICH WOULD BE BRIGHTER THAN ANY STAR IN THE SKY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SHERIFF SPAUR SAW THE PLANET VENUS.

"RADAR INDICATES THAT NO AIRBORNE OBJECTS WERE IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING."

POLICE CHIEF GERALD BUCHERT OF MANTUA, OHIO, ABOUT EIGHT MILES NORTH OF RAVENNA, SAID HE TOOK A PICTURE OF AN OBJECT WHICH HE SAID LOOKED LIKE "TWO TABLE SAUCERS PUT TOGETHER."

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BUCHERT SAID THE AIR FORCE TOLD HIM NOT TO RELEASE THE PICTURE, BUT THE AIR FORCE DENIED THIS.

COMMENTING ON BUCHERT'S CLAIM, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT:

"PHOTOANALYSIS OF THE NEGATIVE...INDICATES THAT THE 'VERY BRIGHT LIGHT' WHICH HE TRIED TO PHOTOGRAPH DOES NOT APPEAR AS AN IMAGE.

"THE TWO IMAGES WHICH APPEAR ON THE NEGATIVE ARE PROBABLY THE RESULT OF PROCESSING DEFECTS DUE TO OLD FOGGED FILM AND POOR HANDLING..."

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS IN BOTH OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA REPORTED SEEING A "BRILLIANT AND SHINY" OBJECT IN THE SKY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

THE AIR FORCE DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS.

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(300) FLYING OBJECTS

WASHINGTON, APRIL 22 (AP)-THE AIR FORCE SAID TODAY AN OBJECT IN THE SKY WHICH AN OHIO DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID HE CHASED AT HIGH SPEED ON THE GROUND PROBABLY WAS THE PLANET VENUS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT A TWIN OBJECT REPORTEDLY PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANOTHER LAW OFFICER IN OHIO ON THE SAME DAY PROBABLY APPEARED ON FILM AS TWO IMAGES BECAUSE OF "PROCESSING DEFECTS" IN DEVELOPING THE PICTURES.

LAST SUNDAY, DEPUTY SHERIFF DALE F. SPAUR OF RAVENNA, OHIO, REPORTED THAT HE AND HIS PARTNER CHASED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

SPAUR SAID THAT FROM THE GROUND THE OBJECT LOOKED LIKE THE HEAD OF A FLASHLIGHT, THAT ITS LINES WERE VERY DISTINCT, AND THAT "SOMEBODY HAD CONTROL OVER IT."

THE AIR FORCE SAID WHAT SPAUR SAW WAS PROBABLY THE PASSAGE OF A SATELLITE OVER NORTHEASTERN OHIO, ADDING:

"AS THE SATELLITE APPROACHED THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE SKY, IT DISAPPEARED, AND SHERIFF SPAUR FOCUSED HIS EYES ON THE PLANET VENUS.

"VENUS WAS RISING IN THE SOUTHEAST AND WAS AT A MAGNITUDE..... WHICH WOULD BE BRIGHTER THAN ANY STAR IN THE SKY. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SHERIFF SPAUR SAW THE PLANET VENUS.

"RADAR INDICATES THAT NO AIRBORNE OBJECTS WERE IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING."

POLICE CHIEF GERALD BUCHERT OF MANTUA, OHIO, ABOUT EIGHT MILES NORTH OF RAVENNA, SAID HE TOOK A PICTURE OF AN OBJECT WHICH HE SAID LOOKED LIKE "TWO TABLE SAUCERS PUT TOGETHER."

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BUCHERT SAID THE AIR FORCE TOLD HIM NOT TO RELEASE THE PICTURE, BUT THE AIR FORCE DENIED THIS.

COMMENTING ON BUCHERT'S CLAIM, THE AIR FORCE SAID THAT:

"PHOTOANALYSIS OF THE NEGATIVE...INDICATES THAT THE 'VERY BRIGHT LIGHT' WHICH HE TRIED TO PHOTOGRAPH DOES NOT APPEAR AS AN IMAGE.

"THE TWO IMAGES WHICH APPEAR ON THE NEGATIVE ARE PROBABLY THE RESULT OF PROCESSING DEFECTS DUE TO OLD FOGGED FILM AND POOR HANDLING..."

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS IN BOTH OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA REPORTED SEEING A "BRILLIANT AND SHINY" OBJECT IN THE SKY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.

THE AIR FORCE DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS.

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Utica Observer-Dispatch - 18 Apr 66

Flying Saucer Chased By Law for 86 Miles

RAVENNA, Ohio (AP) — "We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," said a deputy sheriff who chased an unidentified flying object from Ohio into Pennsylvania.

Hundreds of persons in both states reported seeing the "brilliant and shiny" object early Sunday morning.

Police chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, about eight miles north of Ravenna, said he took a picture of the object from his front yard but the Air Force told him not to release it.

Spokesman for Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, said the base's officer of the day made the request to Buchert. The spokesman also said no picture or report had reached the Bluebook office yet.

Buchert said it looked like "two table saucers put together."

Deputy Sheriff Dale Spaur said he and his partner, W. L. Neff, "were close" to the object in separate cars and chased it 86 miles for an hour and a half, from near Ravenna to Conway, Pa., near Pittsburgh.

Spaur said he clocked it at speeds up to 103 miles per hour. From the ground Spaur said it looked like the head of a flashlight, about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high.

Spaur said the lines of the object were very distinct. "Somebody had control over it," he said. "It wasn't just floating around. It can maneuver."

The deputy said the chase slowed down near Rochester, Pa., when the cars "got tangled up in a mess of bridges. But when I came out from under the bridge it came down and waited for us, just as though it knew these two cars were following it."

"I know nobody's going to believe it, but it's true," he said.

Spaur said the only sound coming from the object was a steady, faint humming, like an electric transformer. Near Conway, Pa., Spaur said the object began hovering and "was going for altitude, straight up."

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OBJECT DISAPPEARS NEAR CONWAY

UFO Chased Into County

By TOM SCHLEY
TIMES Staff

An 86-mile high-speed chase after an unidentified flying object (UFO) ended in Conway Sunday morning nearly an hour after it began in Ohio.

Conway Patrolman Frank Panzanella said he saw what prompted two sheriff's deputies and a policeman from Ohio to drive at speeds 80 to 105 miles per hour in pursuit of the "flying saucer."

The two deputies from Portage County, Ohio, Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff, began the chase shortly after 5 a.m. on Ohio Route 224 near Atwater, south of Akron and southeast of Ravenna, the Portage County seat.

At about the same time, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, snapped a photo of the object from some distance while he and his wife stood in their front yard about 10 miles north of Ravenna.

Spaur and Neff, on instructions, pursued the brightly lighted object alone down Ohio Route 14. They were joined at East Palestine by Patrolman Wayne Huston of that city in another police cruiser.

The two cars sped on into Pennsylvania, down Route 51 to Rochester and then on Route 65 to Conway. At Conway they spotted Panzanelli in his parked cruiser at a service station. They stopped there since Spaur was running low on gas. He also had burned a new set of tires bald from the high speed chase.

The three Ohio men asked Panzanella if he had seen the object and he pointed it out to them. He had seen it a few minutes earlier from the top of 11th Street hill but hadn't though much about it at that time.

Panzanella told the TIMES

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that when he first saw the brightly lighted object he thought it was a reflection from the rising sun off an airplane. He came off the hill and spotted the object again just before the Ohio men arrived.

He called Rochester radio base station to have the Greater Pittsburgh Airport contacted, and the four men watched for about 20 minutes as the object rose "straight up" until it was barely visible.

Spaur and Panzanella both said they had heard that the Air Force had sent jets up after the object. There were reports that jet trainers from Youngstown went up but the object, traveling about 100 miles per hour, was moving too slowly for them to stay with it.

A Federal Aviation Agency official at Greater Pittsburgh Airport said the object wasn't spotted on radar nor were there any planes in the area where the object was sighted at that time.

The four men viewing from Conway said a plane that apparently took off from the airport passed right through the area below the unidentified object they were watching.

Air Force personnel at the airport would make no statement about the sighting other than to say that officials at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, had been notified. Official Air Force investigations of UFO's are handled from Wright Patterson.

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SPAUR, 35, a former Air Force gunner, told the TIMES Sunday that he and Neff were checking an abandoned car when they spotted a strange light through the trees. He said the object came over the trees along the highway and directly over their patrol car, about 100 feet above them.

He said the bottom of the object was very brightly lighted and the light from the bottom gave the appearance of a cone shape. It lighted up the area around the car like daylight and they could not look directly at the bright white light when it was shining on them, he said.

Spaur said the object had no apparent effect on him and Neff or on the car. It was about 35 feet to 40 feet across and about 18 to 20 feet high, he said.

Spaur said he became frightened and he and Neff ran for the car. He reported the sighting to police headquarters in Ravenna and was told to keep the object under surveillance as long as possible.

Thus the chase began.

MEANWHILE, Chief Buchert in Mantua had monitored a report to Portage County from the Summit County Sheriff's Office in Akron about a strange light that had been spotted.

Buchert was on Main Street in Mantua when he first spotted the object overhead. He said it looked like two saucers with their rims placed together and the bottoms facing out.

He said it was very brilliant and a bright white or silver with no coloring of any type. He reported it to the Portage sheriff's office and said Spaur reported it shortly after that.

Buchert went home and awakened his wife to show her the object. It had moved off to some distance and Buchert used an inexpensive camera from the police car to shoot three pictures of the object. He told the TIMES that only one of the three exposures turned out.

He planned not to release the picture to anyone until after he conferred with government officials.

An enlargement of the photograph indistinctly shows one object which Buchert said was the moon and a dark disc shaped object surrounded by a ring of light to the right of the moon.

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THE ONLY noise Spaur heard that might have come from the object was when it was first spotted. He said he heard a faint, steady humming noise similar to an electrical transformer.

His main thought throughout the chase was to remain as calm as possible and do everything he could to verify the sighting and get a description of it.

He said this included keeping it in sight as the sun rose so as to have seen it in both darkness and daylight.

Spaur said the object didn't make any attempt to get away and it followed the main highway almost as "if it knew it."

Deputy Robert Wilson, the radio operator at Ravenna, said the object was reported by at least six or seven other police departments in Ohio.

Huston told the TIMES he was in radio contact with Spaur and he first spotted the object near Route 14 when Spaur was still about five miles away.

He fell in behind Spaur and said the object was about 800 to 900 feet in the air and mostly remained directly ahead of them.

Spaur said that both cruisers clocked the speed of the object at 105 miles per hour.

Huston had his headquarters telephone Pennsylvania State Police at Chippewa Barracks about the chase, but none of the state police cars were near Route 14 at the time.

He said that they lost sight of the object near the entrance to Bradys Run Park when trucks stopped at the traffic light forced them to slow up.

They continued through Fallston, and just after passing the P&LE Railroad underpass in Bridgewater, they again spotted the object in the direction of Rochester. At Rochester it was directly ahead of them again.

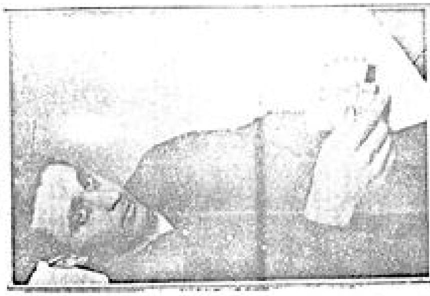
Spaur said the object also seemed to wait for them to get through the bridges at Rochester and back onto the open boulevard before it continued at its regular speed.

Spaur said the object definitely was controlled because it could change speed, and gain or lose altitude. "When it wants to go up, it doesn't play around," he said. When he thought they had lost it for good at Bradys Run it seemed as if it had waited for them to catch up again, Spaur said.

When shown the picture taken by James Lucci, Brighton Township last August, Spaur told the TIMES it looked very much like the object he had seen.

William Weitzel, chairman of the Pittsburgh subcommittee for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, who investigated the Lucci sighting, was in Ravenna Sunday and today to investigate this latest sighting.

Air Force personnel were expected in Ravenna today to investigate the sighting and to look at Buchert's photograph.



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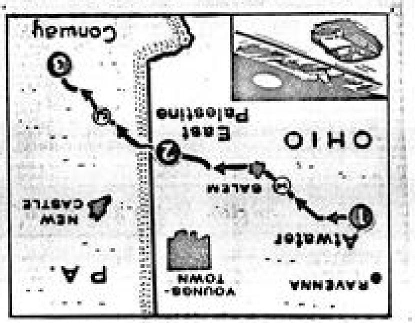

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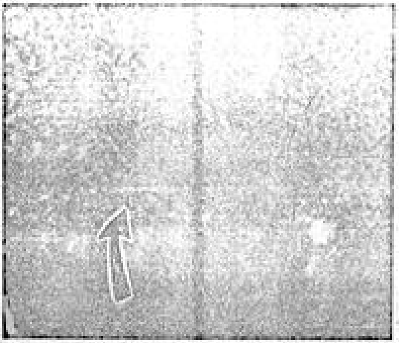
The Pittsburgh Press, 19 Apr 66



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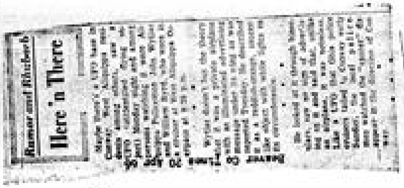
OFFICER'S PICTURE OF UFO—Mantua, Ohio, Police Chief Gerald Buchert took this picture Sunday of an unidentified flying object which two Ohio sheriff's deputies in autos reported chasing into Pennsylvania where "it disappeared."



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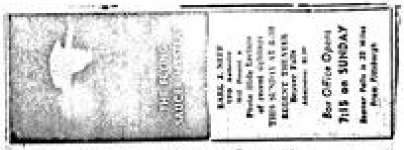

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He's Sure Negative's Positive

Chief Saw the Saucer And Got the Picture

By ROBERT FROMER
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

While hundreds of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio residents gawked at this area's first flying saucer early Sunday morning, Police Chief Gerald Buchert of Mantua, Ohio, did something beautifully simple.

He took a picture.

When the picture was developed, there it was.

"Well," said Mrs. Buchert to the Post-Gazette yesterday, "it looked like a . . . saucer."

One feels a little silly saying things like that in the daytime, with the sun shining.

But it was different at 5 a. m. Sunday when Chief Buchert dragged her out of bed and they watched the bright object maneuver its way across the sky.

While they were watching, Portage County Ohio sheriff's deputies W. L. Neff and Dale Spaur, in separate cars, were chasing the object into Pennsylvania at speeds up to 103 miles an hour.

At East Palestine, Ohio, Patrolman Wayne Huston took up the chase, and the three police cars sped all the way to Conway, Beaver County, where the "object" disappeared.

One picture is said to be

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Saw Saucer, Got a Shot

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worth 10 thousand words, and anyone who tries to put together a rational description of the saucer from the eyewitness reports had better believe it.

►**Patrolman Huston:** "It looked like a partially melted ice-cream cone — a wedge-shaped affair with the pointy part down . . . What looked like an antenna was sticking out on one side of it . . ."

►**Chief Buchert:** "It looked like two table saucers put together."

►**Mrs. Buchert:** "It was a ronud, bright, white object, and when it tilted or turned it had a ring around the middle of it."

►**Sheriff's Deputy Spaur:** "It looked like the head of a flashlight, about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high."

►**Sheriff's Deputy Neff:** "It was a very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high."

Chief Buchert was the man with the picture, but he had some initial trouble with the Air Force. He called Project Bluebook, the Air Force UFO headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, and a spokesman told him he could release the picture if he wished but they'd rather he didn't.

Taking the hint, Chief Buchert kept it to himself over Sunday.

Yesterday morning an Air Force spokesman from Washington called Buchert and told him to go ahead and release the picture if he hadn't already done so.

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The saucer's strange behavior had apparently frightened one of the pursuers, Deputy Spaur. "We were close, closer than I ever want to be again," he said.

Spaur said the lines of the object were very distinct. "Somebody had control over it," he said. "It wasn't just floating around. It can maneuver."

Near Rochester, Beaver County, the pursuing policemen "got tangled up in a mess of bridges," according to Spaur's account. "But when I came out from under the bridge it came down and waited for us, just as though it knew these cars were following it.

"I know nobody's going to believe it," Spaur added presciently, "but it's true."

So there you have it, sports fans: nothing on the Federal Aviation Agency's radar screens, but a definite image on Buchert's picture. No planes in the area at the time, but—rumor has it—an Echo II satellite high above at the right time and place. Tune in tomorrow, same bat-time, same bat-channel.

AIR FORCE SAYS IT WAS PLANET VENUS

Beaver Co. Times 25 Apr 66

Explanation Of UFO Rejecte

The Air Force's explanation of the sighting of an unidentified flying object April 17 in Ohio and Beaver County isn't being accepted by one of the men who saw the UFO, Sheriff's Deputy Dale Spaur of Portage County, Ohio.

In a report issued over the weekend, the Air Force said:

"The probable cause of the sighting by Sheriff Dale F. Spaur, of Ravenna, Ohio, was the passage of a satellite. As it approached the southeast portion of the sky, it disappeared, and Sheriff Spaur focused his eyes on the planet Venus.

"Venus was rising in the southeast and was brighter than any star in the sky. It is believed that Sheriff Spaur saw the planet Venus."

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SPAUR isn't buying that explanation. He said Saturday "I don't know how much of an investigation they made, but evidently it wasn't a very lengthy one and it didn't involve me."

He said he had two brief phone conversations with Maj. Hector Quintanilla, head of "Project Blue Book," the Air Force official UFO investigation project. They lasted about two and a half and one and a half minutes, he said.

"First of all, I don't think there is a satellite that can go this low and I don't think we have one this large or that it can stop or go or maneuver anytime. I'm definitely sure I wasn't chasing Venus running wildly over the countryside."

Spaur and his partner W. L. "Barney" Neff chased the object, which Spaur described as about 35 to 40 feet across with a very brigh, white glow. He said that the chase started after the object hovered directly over their heads about 150 feet in the air south of Ravenna.

They were joined in the chase at East Palestine by Patrolman Wayne Huston, who also reported seeing the object. Their chase ended at Conway, where they found Patrolman Frank Panzanella along Route 65. The four said they watched the object for about 20 minutes in Conway.

Spaur said he wouldn't have risked his life, his partner's or any innocent person's if he hadn't thougrt it was important.

"I don't agree that it's a satellite and I also don't agree that it's Venus. I know what I saw and I believe it and I'll never change my mind."

William Weitzel, Pittsburgh, investigator for National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, isn't accepting the Air Force explanation either.

Weitzel has been in Ravenna, Ohio, for the past week collecting documented information about the sighting. He now is in Beaver County to continue his investigation.

Weitzel spent a considerable amount of time in the county last August on an investigation of the sighting by James Lucci, Brighton Township, after the youth's picture of a UFO and story appeared in the **TIMES**.

He has sent a summary of his investigation in Ohio and evidence he has collected to Cong. William Stanton from the Ohio district.

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Pgh Press 27 Apr 66

Flying Saucers Keep Their Styling Value

Editor, Pittsburgh Press:

At the bottom of the April 17 editorial column, commenting on the fact that flying saucer descriptions have remained virtually unchanged for 20 years, you said, "Apparently the visitors from outer space can't afford model changes."

Has it never occurred to you that any society capable of interplanetary travel might also be intelligent enough to build a vehicle that would last a long time?

The status value of a new model and built-in obsolescence are strictly American characteristics.

MRS. JOY COUSMINER
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Pittsburgh Post Gazette, April 18, 1966

UFO Almost Makes It to Pittsburgh

'Saucer' Flies From Ohio to Pa.

An Unidentified Flying Object (Flying Saucer to you, Charlie) shaped like an ice-cream cone almost made it to Pittsburgh yesterday, but apparently got headed off at the pass by some over-zealous Ohio policemen.

A "very bright, cone-shaped object, some 35 to 45 feet across the top and about 24 feet high," was first spotted south of Akron, Ohio, by Portage County Sheriff's Deputy W. L. Neff, who gave the above description, about 5 a. m.

He added that the object, which seemed to be able to navigate by itself, gave off a faint humming noise.

This greatly interested Deputy Neff, who reportedly believes in flying saucers, and he took up the chase southeastward toward Pennsylvania along U.S. Routes 422 and 14 at speeds ranging from 80 to 100 miles an hour.

Near East Palestine, Ohio, he was joined by an East Palestine deputy police officer, Wayne Huston, also on patrol, and the two of them followed the object across the state line into Pennsylvania.

Near Conway, Beaver County, they lost it.

But hundreds of other people had sighted the object by this time and calls were coming to police switchboards as well as to an Air Force Reserve unit near Youngstown and to the Federal Aviation Agency at Greater Pittsburgh Airport.

Pilots were up in jet trainers almost immediately from the Youngstown base, but complained that the object—speed of which was estimated at just over 100 miles an hour—was moving too slowly for them to keep up with it. Or down.

Clever saucer, playing our own technology off against us . . . !

At Greater Pittsburgh Airport nothing showed up on the radar screen. A Federal Aviation Agency official there stated later in the morning that there weren't any airplanes, either in the area where the saucer was sighted—at least not at 5 o'clock in the morning.

That was a point for saucer fans.

Conway police said they neither heard nor saw any UFO and weren't about to speak of it, and wished in general that newsmen would stop bothering them.

With the coming of full daylight, apparently, the saucer faded—or flew—or teleported—away, leaving us earthlings to sort the whole thing out.

1. DATE - TIME GROUP

6 Jan 53 06/0700-1130Z

2. LOCATION

Dallas, Texas Area

3. SOURCE

Multiple

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

varied

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual

7. COURSE

Stationary

8. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

ASTRONOMICAL (VENUS/JUPITER)

Sighting attributed to Venus/Jupiter

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Multiple reports from Dallas area. One report of witness chasing object in car. Could not close. Arrowhead shape, multi colors. This case refers to those objs reported as stationary and not the sightings from Love Field of an arrowhead shaped body moving through 90 degrees arc. See additional case file same date.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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AREA REPORTED ON
Dallas, Texas

FROM (Agency)
147th AC&W Squadron, Duncanville, Texas

DATE OF REPORT
8 January 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION
6 - 7 January 1953

EVALUATION
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PREPARED BY (Officer)
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
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SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

On 6 January 1953, between the hours of 0130Z and 1130Z, a mysterious light was seen in the sky northeast of Dallas, Texas. In many instances reports conflicted with each other. One report would give the heading of the object as south while another would give the heading in a different direction. The altitude of the object also varied in the many reports.

Once the area became aware of something unusual in the air, reports came in more frequently. The object was first sighted at Paris, Texas, and was last seen by spotters at Dallas, Texas.

Whether or not there is any tangible explanation to these sightings, it is not known; however it is believed that we may have identified some of the sightings through our local investigation, which we hope will assist in the current investigations being undertaken by the Air Force in solving the many "Flying Saucer" reports.

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At 0728Z on the 6th of January 1953, this unit was notified by the CAA ARTCC at Meacham Field, Fort Worth, Texas, that they had received numerous calls of an unidentified flying object northeast of Dallas, Texas. Upon notification of the above information, 1st Lt. Bennett, Lawrence V., Director on Duty contacted Love Field Traffic Control Tower at Dallas for verification of the sighting. Mr. Wyle V. Moore at the Love Field Tower said that the object could be seen from Dallas. Lt. Bennett then notified the Controller at Headquarters 33rd Air Division (Defense) of the situation.

Soon after the initial call, Mr. Billy Johnston of Paris, Texas called and stated that he had observed a mysterious object at 0130Z over Paris. He chased the object with his car for thirty minutes to Cooper, Texas. He estimated the object to be at an altitude of 3500 feet. Mr. Johnston also sighted the object at about 0430Z.

At 0801Z, Lt. Bennett called Perrin Tower at Sherman, Texas, and was told by A/2C Carlson, C. A., Perrin Apprentice Operator, that he had seen the aircraft fade from sight going east.

The AC&W unit at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma reported in that they had picked up a target by radar twenty one miles southwest of Paris, Texas. The target then moved to a point three miles west of Bonham, Texas, which is about thirty five miles west of Paris, Texas. The target was heading west at an estimated air speed of 600 knots and at an altitude of seventy five hundred feet. The time of the initial radar pickup was 0805Z. Eleven minutes later, at 0816Z, the object faded. No other radar contacts were made in that area which could be linked to the unusual target observed by the civilian at Paris.

The direction of the radar target, west, and the direction of the object seen by Mr. Johnston, south, do not concur and therefore, are evidently two different objects. The radar target is believed to have been an aircraft heading for Perrin AFB, Texas. No identification can be made on Mr. Johnston's sighting.

Mr. Wyle V. Moore at Love Field, Dallas called and gave a brief description of the object. He said it had a green nose and white wing tips with a stream like jet. Mr. Marcus V. Fechenbach, also on duty at the Love Field Tower sketched the object. A standby driver was sent to Love Field to pick up the sketch and other information. The following two items are facsimiles of the sketch and statement of personnel sighting the object.

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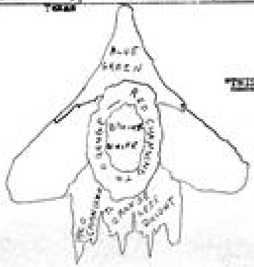

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The original two items have been retained by this unit and have been placed in our intelligence files.

After compiling all of the above information an extensive investigation was undertaken by intelligence personnel of this unit. The following paragraphs are the findings of this investigation.

An attempt was made to identify the object. Calls to the surrounding airfields revealed that no flight plans placed any aircraft in the area in question. A check with the Naval Office at Chance-Vought Aircraft Corporation located at Grand Prairie, Texas was made. Commander Ryan, USN, attached to the Naval office said Chance-Vought had no aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting. He also stated that they had received no information of the sighting. Their first knowledge of the object was obtained from local radio broadcasts.

We then proceeded to contact the Dallas Police Department to check on the information they received from the numerous calls to their dispatcher. It was learned that CAA at Love Field had spotted the object and numerous Police Officers cruising around the Dallas area had called in on the object. One Police Officer, W. R. Russell, sighted the object at his home and saw the object disappear at 1130Z.

It is not believed that the object sighted by Officer Russell is the same as the object in question, as the time delay in the sitings vary considerably. Officer Russell most likely saw one of the bright morning stars which, if one looks at long enough, will appear to change colors.

We proceeded next to contact the two local newspapers to see what information they had on the unusual object. Mr. Russell of the Dallas Times-Herald was very cooperative and gave us additional information which we had not as yet received. In as much as his information was from the notes he had for his article we will give the text of his article which can be used in analysing this sighting.

THE DAILY TIMES HERALD, DALLAS JAN. 6, 1953

FIERY 'THING' SIGHTED HERE

A bright, colorful object hung in the skies north and northeast of Dallas several hours early Tuesday.

Scores of watchers saw the object. But many doubted it was "a plane, a planet or a star."

Watchers at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire station dispatchers reported seeing the "elongated" or "arrow shaped" object which gave off brilliant "orange, red, green and bluish-white colors".

M. F. Fetchenbach, traffic controller at the Love Field tower, sighted a "light in the sky" at 1:25 a.m. An off-duty policeman said he saw the object disappear at 5:30 a. m.

"It shot right straight up in going out of sight," said W. R. Russel, the off-duty officer who sighted the object at his home, 1814 Lakeland.

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Mr. Fechenbach said he was looking due north out of the control tower when he first sighted the light.

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"APPEARED TO CHANGE COURSE."

"I watched it travel as it seemed to approach east by northeast. It appeared to change its course of flight toward Love Field."

Through a pair of 7x50-power binoculars Mr. Fechenbach said the object appeared to have "Delta-type" wings (swept back like on modern jet planes) and "that it seemed to hover east and northeast of the field."

He estimated its closest approach at about 50 miles away and 2,000 feet high.

The Love Field tower also reported a relay message from Oklahoma saying flight of the object had been picked up there on radar at a speed estimated in excess of 600 miles an hour.

A report in Dallas that a jet plane was trying to chase the object here about 5 a.m. was unconfirmed. Military officials denied any jets were in the air. The Love Field tower, however, had reports from airline pilots telling of sighting the object.

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"TOO FANTASTIC."

W. B. Harris, fire department radio dispatcher, said he and other firemen viewed the object after receiving a call from the Love Field tower.

"I wish I'd never seen it," Mr. Harris said. "It's too fantastic, and now there'll be a lot of talk. I just wish I'd never seen it."

Looking out an east window at City Hall about 2:30 a. m., Asst. Jailer J. C. Bowles said the object appeared to be floating a little above the nearby Western Union Bldg.

It began to rise as he watched, "changing colors like a diamond," Mr. Bowles said.

R. C. Wise, meteorologist at the Dallas weather station, said he watched the object through a six-power telescope.

"It looked elongated, as if it was vertical - standing on end - and it had a definite impression of dimension. At first it changed color rapidly, from white to blue and then red and green. Later it maintained white with a red spot on the undersurface.

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BELIEVES IN SAUCERS.

"I believe in flying saucers, " Mr. Wise asserted. "Maybe this was a mother ship for smaller saucers traveling in our orbit."

Wyle Moore, another tower controller at Love Field, estimated the object at 30,000 feet when he first saw it "and within 30 minutes I'd estimated it had gone up to 80,000 feet."

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He said a number of pilots gathered in the tower to watch the spectacle. Mr. Moore said he'd been a pilot for 27 years, worked in the tower for 14 years, and "I should know a plane or a star by now. This wasn't either."

Military Officers at Dallas Naval Air Station, Hensley Field and the Duncanville radar station said the object was not seen by any personnel at those stations.

The Perrin Air Force Base at Sherman, however, reported sighting an "unidentifiable" object.

Police Dispatcher L. P. Passons said he had several calls on the mystery object about 2 a.m. and that a number of cruising police cars also began calling in.

Dispatcher Passons and several policemen climbed to the roof of City Hall. "It looked like a big star, but it seemed to change colors," he declared.

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"MOST BEAUTIFUL"

Through a 40-power telescope the object appeared "as an arrow" in shape to Linwood Martin, 732 W. Clarendon. "It had swept back wings with a red glow toward the front, the wings blue and the center white. It moved forward and then backward and seemed to be going higher all the time."

Mr. Martin said the colors were "the most beautiful I've ever seen."

First report on the mystery object came to Love Field at 7:30 p.m. from a man at Paris, Tex. The Paris man got into his car and chased the object, which he believed was traveling at an altitude of 3,500 feet, to Cooper, Tex.

Commenting on the possibility that what the watchers saw might have been a planet, E. M. Brewer, president of the Texas Astronomers Society, said only two planets, Jupiter and Venus, were at all bright this time of the year.

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LITTLE CHANCE OF MISTAKE

Venus, he said, sets at 9 p.m. and Jupiter about midnight. Mr. Brewer believed skilled observers, such as many who reported seeing the object, could not possibly have mistaken the planet Jupiter for anything else.

Cmdr. R. H. Granbeck, public information officer at Dallas Naval Air Station, said no reports of a sighting were made by the control tower watch there. He said no aircraft was sent up.

Nor was there any report from watch standers at Hensley Field on a sighting. Major Hugh T. Arthur at the Duncanville radar station said equipment there was down for maintenance at the time of the sighting. Station observers there, however, did not see the object.

After reading the above article we called mr. Marcus F. Fechenbach to verify the statements printed in the Herald's article. He said that they were erroneous in many respects. The following is Mr. Fechenbach's statement of his observations.

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"I first saw the light at 0105 CST north of the tower. The only color visible at this time was red. I didn't pay any attention to it, thinking it might be an airplane. Looking back again I noticed the light had moved south-southeast to a point east-northeast of the the tower. It appeared to turn towards the tower. What led me to believe this; was that the light seemed to get brighter. I asked Mr. Wyle V. Moore, who was on duty with me, to look at the light. At this time the light hovered for about ten minutes. I estimated the light to be 50 miles away at about 2500 feet. It is hard to tell the distance, so therefore my estimate could be wrong. After hovering awhile the light moved through a 35° arc in about twenty minutes going up but still moving south."

When asked to describe the object and to give an approximate size, Mr. Fechenbach said:

"I cannot give the size of the object. At first sight, without the use of binoculars, the object looked like a star. However, as soon as I used the binoculars I noticed that the object had a definite shape. As shown in the sketch I drew the object had many colors. Because of the protruding nose and swept back wings, I thought it might have been a B-47 or possibly some kind of delta-wing plane. The outer edges of the object were very well defined, whereas, the trailing edge with the colors changing from red to orange seemed to be a jet stream. I hope that the information can help you and I have tryed to give as accurate description of the object as possible."

Mr Fechenbach's description is the best we were able to get of all the sources of information.

A study of the weather conditions at the time of the sighting revealed the sky conditions were clear with a 15 mile visibility, temperature - 50.2° Dew Point - 45.0, and Humidity - 66%. As to the winds aloft, we were able to obtain the readings for 0001Z. They were: 2000 ft - 200 at 13, 10,000 ft - 270 at 15, 20,000 ft - 300 at 24, 30,000 ft - 270 at 30, 40,000 ft - Unk, 50,000 ft - 280 at 31.

This is the information acquired by the investigation conducted by intelligence personnel of this squadron.

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-1-1-E

Request you keep ATIC informed by wire of continuing investigation concerning unidentified flying object seen in your area at 060700Z Jan 53. Also desire to know if any photographs were taken of object or if there were any unusual radar returns during the period. Please furnish Info copy to Hq USAF, Attn: AFOIN-2A2 of all data sent to ATIC.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
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TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Transmitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, one copy for information of Air Intelligence Information Report of Unidentified Flying Object sighted at Ducanville, Texas, 6 January 1953.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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REMARKS

Case 21

Elongated Object Hangs in Dallas Sky

DALLAS, Jan. 6 (AP).—A brilliantly colored object, described by some observers as having swept-back wings, hung in the sky, northeast of Dallas for several hours early today, then vanished.

Watchers at the Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower at Dallas' Love Field, a weather bureau observer and police and fire dispatchers reported seeing the "elongated" object and said it gave off brilliant "orange, red, green and bluish-white colors."

Washington Post
7 Jan 53

FROM NAME OR TITLE L. M. Wolt

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION ATIX

DATE 12 Jan 53

TELEPHONE 5-5246

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Jan 53 6/0705Z	**2. LOCATION** Oklahoma City, Okla.
3. SOURCE Multiple	**10. CONCLUSION** AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Confused	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Arrowhead shaped object with a center resembling a donut which changed colors from orange to red. Center of "donut" was a bright white color. Object covered 90° arc in 3 min. Object hovered once, made a slight curve, then disappeared by blending with the stars. COMMENTS: Seen from 2 points in Dallas area for periods ranging over 2 hrs. An object also picked up by Oklahoma City radar traveling 600 mph. Radar and visual of object moving through arc was possible a/c. Other object astro (Star/Planet).
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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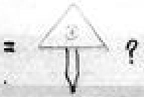

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-1-3-E FOR 2596th AF Res Flying Tng Cen

In regard to sighting of unidentified aerial object reported by your station 6 Jan 53 (FLYCOMFT HPOT 1-37), request you include any information on possible radar detection and photos in Air Force Form 112.

ATIC also requests you forward this form as soon as your investigation is completed in compliance with AFL 200-5.

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SUBJECT Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

AREA REPORTED ON N/A

FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer,2596thAFRFTC Hensley,Fld

DATE OF REPORT 16 Jan 1953

DATE OF INFORMATION

EVALUATION N/A

PREPARED BY (Officer) WORTH M. SPEED,Major, USAF, Intelligence Off.

SOURCE N/A

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) PROJECT BLUEBOOK

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

In compliance with letter, Headquarters, USAF, AFOIN-C/CC-2, Subject; (Unclassified) Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, 19 December 1951, the following information as reported to this headquarters by Mr. M.F. Fechenback, 3038 Storey Lane, Dallas Texas, and Mr. Wyle V. Moore, 316 S. Montreal, Dallas, Texas, is forwarded.

This report follows FlyObRep HFOT 1-37, 6 Jan 1952, dispatched in multiple address to: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington 25, D.C., Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, and Commanding General, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
Commanding General, 14th Air Force, Robins AFB, Ga. ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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1. Description: Object was delta-winged in shape with large round opening in the center which changed color from orange to red. The nose section was bluish-green; wings were brilliant white; tail section was fuzzy and changed color from orange to red to blue. The tail section was not as bright as the rest of the object. The wing-tips and nose would make an equilateral triangle, and the tail section extended to the rear of the triangle. No trail or exhaust or system of propulsion was noted. The speed of the object was noted as follows: the object covered ninety (90) degree arc in three minutes, about fifty (50) miles north of the city of Dallas. No speed in miles per hour could be given. There was no sound reported. Maneuvers consisted mostly of straight and level flight. In one instance it hovered, made a slight curve, then went practically straight up and disappeared by blending in with stars.

2. Time sighted: 0105, 0108, 0125, and 0200, 6 Jan 1953.

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3. Manner of Observation : The object was sighted from the ground by visual means.

4. Location of Observer: W Long 96 Degrees 50 Minutes, N Lat. 32 Degrees 50 Minutes. The object appeared to be approximately fifty (50) miles north of above location at 2000 to 2500 feet altitude, then moved to NNE position and appeared to be heading in SSE direction.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: Mr. W.F. Fechenbach, Aircraft Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas,Texas has had ten (10) years experience in tower and traffic control; Mr. Kyle V. Moore, Airport Traffic Controller at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, has 14 years tower and traffic control an' 27 years flying experience.

6. Weather: OSK-220/08/5545/018

7. Other Activity or Condition: None reported.

8. Existence of any Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception or Identification Action Taken: All radar in area was notified. Oklahoma City Municipal Airport reported radar contact with object in the vicinity reported NE and gave estimated speed of over 600 miles per hour.

10. Location of Air Traffic: One DC-3, three (3) miles NE of Love Field, Dallas, Texas, at 700 feet altitude reported no observation.

600 mph

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
9 October 1951

2. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1342
GMT 09/1942Z

3. LOCATION
Terre Haute, Indiana

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
● Ground-Visual
○ Ground-Radar
○ Air-Visual
○ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
○ Yes
● No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
15 Seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Round silver object without fins or protrusions observed in flight from overhead to disappearance over the horizon. Flight straight. Total observation 15 seconds, conservation. Size of 50¢ piece at arm's length. No sound. Witness considered "hard headed".

11. COMMENTS
Possible a/c sighting, however, to duration of 15 seconds for flight from ~~///~~ zenith to point over the horizon in 15 seconds is not consistent with this analysis and the case is carried as unidentified.

12. CONCLUSIONS
○ Was Balloon
○ Probably Balloon
○ Possibly Balloon
○ Was Aircraft
○ Probably Aircraft
○ Possibly Aircraft
○ Was Astronomical
○ Probably Astronomical
○ Possibly Astronomical
○ Other UNIDENTIFIED
○ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
● Unknown

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Appendix V.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA - 9 October 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST, a CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix VI.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no additional information.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA - 9 October 1951

On 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST, a CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix IX.)

Weather

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

Status of Investigation

Further details on the incident will be obtained but it is doubtful if any further information will indicate the possible identity of the object.

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[redacted] / INT 2844T. /ATTN AMC FOR MCIS/ /ATTN ADC FOR DEPUTY FOR INTELLIGENCE/ FOR YOUR INFO A UNITED PRESS NEWS RELEASE APPEARING IN THE 10 OCT NEWSPAPERS RPTD MR. ROY MESSMORE CMA A CAA EMPLOYEE CMA AT HOLMAN MUNICIPAL APRT CMA TERRE HAUTE CMA IND. SAW A "HUGE METALLIC OBJECT SPEEDING ACROSS THE FIELD" ON 9 OCT. RELEASE STATES THAT MR. MESSMORE CMA "A HARDHEADED CAA OFFICIAL" JOINED THE RANKS OF THOSE WHO NOW BELIEVE IN FLYING SAUCERS. NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. PARA. DO YOU DESIRE ANY INVESTIGATIVE ACTION BY THIS CMD /QUERY/

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CRYPTOGRAPHIC: ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE

IDENTIFICATION: INT 28447

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FROM: (Originator)

TO: Commanding General
Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart AF Base
Newburgh, New York

INFO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
ATTN: Tech Capabilities Branch
Col Willis
Washington 25, D. C.

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Cite INT 28447. Request immediate field investigation of Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, incident of 9 Oct 51.

Request any information that could be submitted as a flash intelligence report, followed by Form 112 in accordance with ACCI Letter 85.

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Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF,
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AFOIN-ATIAA-10-4-E: For AFOIN-V/TC, Col Willis. The following message is quoted for your information from Hq EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y. to CO, ATIC, W-P AFB, Cite INT 28447, "For your information a United Press news release appearing in the 10 Oct newspaper reported Mr. Roy Messmore, a CAA employee, at Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind., saw a 'huge metallic object speeding across the field' on 9 Oct. Release states that Mr. Messmore, 'a hardheaded CAA official' joined the ranks of those who now believe in flying saucers. No further information available at this time. Do you desire any investigative action by this Command?"

Refer info copy of our teletype to Hq EADF, dtd 11 October 1951, for our action.

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REUR MSG MFT 28447. INQUIRY REVEALS OSI CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF HOLMN MUNICIPAL APRT, TERRE HAUTE, IND, INCIDENT OF 9 OCT 51, SUGGEST CONTACTING OSI, INDIANAPOLIS FOR CY OF RPT

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D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
RADNOTE

ATIAA-10-15-E, Eastern ADF has informed the Air Technical Intelligence Center that O.S.I. is investigating unidentified aerial object sighted over Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind., on 9 October 1951. Please advise when results of investigation will be available to this Center. Ref: AFOS-1 letter No. 85, dated 23 October 1950. In reply refer to Project Grudge.

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REUR TWX AT862 DTD 25 OCT 1951 PROJECT GRUDGE THIS DIST IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY INVEST REGARDING UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED OVER HULMAN MUNI APT, TERRE HAUTE, IND 19 OCT 51. INFO RECEIVED BY OSI AGT FROM APT AUTHORITIES REGARDING INCIDENT BEING FWD YOUR HQ BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. REF PAR 2 AND PAR 4 AFOSI LTR NO 85 DTD 23 OCT 50

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WASHINGTON

The Inspector General USAF
12th District Office of Special
Investigations
Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

25 October 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

12D 1-11-100

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1951

TO: Director,
Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, reported to the Office of Special Investigations agent that on 9 October 1951 at 1342 hours he observed an unknown unidentified aerial object directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport. The object was approximately the size of a half-dollar coin held at arm's length and was flying in a southeasterly direction. The day was clear and informant's vision was unobstructed. Exact size and altitude of the object unknown. Informant advised that a pilot, one Charles Warren, sighted a similar object on the same date at approximately 1345 hours just east of Paris, Illinois at approximately 5,000 feet. Object was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction, south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

2. DETAILS: Mr. Claude W. Sonner, 1833 North Eighth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aircraft Communicator, Civil Aeronautics Authority, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, was interviewed on 12 October 1951 by Special Agent Elbert W. Farris, and stated that he had observed an unknown unidentified aerial object at 1342 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951. The object was sighted directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport which is located approximately five (5) miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana, on Indiana State Road No. 42. According to Mr. Sonner the object was approximately the size of a one-half dollar held at arms length; was silver in color and flew in a southeasterly direction. Mr. Sonner stated that the object pursued a straight path of flight; that he

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observed no vapor trails; heard no noise and observed no protruding fins or other protrusions on this aerial object. Mr. Sonner stated he observed the object pass from directly over his head to the horizon in approximately fifteen seconds which he considered to be a conservative estimate of time. The day was clear, a bright sun, no clouds or haze, vision was not obstructed by trees or other foliage or buildings and the object traveled over flat terrain; shape and general form of object could still be observed at the time it disappeared over the horizon. Mr. Sonner stated that he could not estimate the object's size or altitude. According to Mr. Sonner, if this object was 200 feet high, it would have been traveling approximately 2,880 miles per hour and that the speed in miles per hour would increase in proportion to the object's height. Mr. Sonner further stated that either this object or another was sighted by Charles Warren, South Seventh Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, at approximately 1345 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951, just east of Paris, Illinois. Warren was flying a private plane at an altitude of 5,000 feet from Greencastle, Indiana, to Paris, Illinois, and sighted this silver object just east of Paris, Illinois at 5,000 feet. The object appeared to be stationary at 5,000 feet, inasmuch as it did not increase or diminish in size with the approach of the plane. The object then reversed its direction and was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

3. ACTION: Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, notified by two (2) information copies of this report.

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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COUNTRY U. S. A.	REPORT NO. IR-56-51	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object CVR-189-51		
AREA REPORTED ON Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind.		FROM (AGENCY) Hq. EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.
DATE OF REPORT 30 November 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 October 1951	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (OFFICER) Major J. E. Hudelson		SOURCE 12th District OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois
REFERENCES ADC Letter 700-1, and 12th District OSI Report 1-11-100, 25 Oct 51		

SUMMARY:

1. On 9 October at Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Claude W. Sonner observed an unidentified aerial object directly overhead at 1342 CST for approximately 15 seconds.

2. A second sighting reported approximately 30 miles distant three (3) minutes later indicates the "objects" may have been jet aircraft observed when the reflection of the sun may have distorted the aircraft in the eyes of the observers.

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BRUCE K. BAUMGARDNER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Hq, EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.	REPORT NO. IR-58-51A	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

1. An unconventional unidentified aerial object was observed by Claude M. Sonner, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. Observation was made on 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST for approximately 15 seconds.

2. The following descriptions were obtained in an interview with Mr. Sonner and OSI agent, 12th District Office OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois: Single object was round and the size of a half dollar piece held at a distance of arms length, silver colored with no vapor or exhaust trail and no sound. Propulsion system unknown, speed estimated up to 2880 MPH.

3. Object was sighted visually from the ground and observed to travel a straight path in a south-easterly direction. Electronic surveillance device (TPS-1B located at Rockville, Ind) was used but no sighting was reported.

4. Weather: CAVU with bright sun; winds at Chanute AFB on 9 October: surface 270° at 3 knots; 1000 feet to 10,000 feet average direction 315° at 9 knots average. No physical evidence available. No interceptions made.

5. Mr. Sonner stated Charles Warren, a pilot, sighted a similar object on the same date at 1345 CST just east of Paris, Illinois, at 5000 feet. Object was last seen travelling in a north-easterly direction south of atomic energy plant at Newport, Indiana.

6. Although accurate measurement of the distance between sighting number one by Mr. Sonner and sighting number two by Mr. Warren is not possible from the information furnished, it appears as though the object could not have been travelling more than 600 MPH (30 miles from Hulman Airport to Newport) if the two sightings were of the same object.

James L. Hudelson
JAMES L. HUDELSON
Major, USAF
Chief, Opnl Intel Div

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Appendix VIII

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA - 9 October 1951

On 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST, a CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix IX.)

Weather

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

Status of Investigation

Further details on the incident will be obtained but it is doubtful if any further information will indicate the possible identity of the object.

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Appendix V

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA - 9 October 1951

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT

On 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST, a CAA Chief Aircraft Communicator observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport, five miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana. The object was judged to be approximately the same size as a 50 cent piece held at arm's length. The object passed overhead at a very high rate of speed going in a southeasterly direction, passing from directly overhead to the horizon in about 15 seconds. There was no sound or vapor trails. The shape and general form of the object could be seen as the object passed over the horizon and out of sight.

(For related incident, see Appendix VI.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no additional information.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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1. DATE
11 Oct 1951

2. LOCATION
Minneapolis, Minnesota

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0630
GMT 11/1230Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
Multiple (3)

9. COURSE
Maneuvered

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Observed from A/C at 10,000 ft. Brightly glowing object. Moving from E to W at high speed. At high altitude. Moved at speed of 5 degree per second. Halo with dark undersurface and slowed down and began climb in a lazy circles, with pattern like leaf falling. Did this for couple minutes. Watch for 5 min. A number of these objects observed from ground.

11. COMMENTS
UNIDENTIFIED. When observers contacted airport, tried to track with theodolite but couldn't because objects moving too fast. Also observed again two hours later. No vapor trails. Smoke gray color. No reflection from object.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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FROM LT E J RUPPELT ATIAA-2C
TO COL WILLIS AFOIN-V/TC

TT-284
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REFERENCE CSAF ITEM NR 6, TT-284, 9 NOVEMBER 1951. SOURCES OF THIS REPORT WERE CHECKED AND ARE EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS WITH HIGH ALTITUDE RESEARCH BALLOON PROJECT. ATIC IS INVESTIGATING FURTHER.

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9 Nov 51
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FM AFOIN-V/TC WILLIS

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THIS INFORMATION WAS REPORTED THROUGH A PERSONAL LETTER BY MR ZUCKERT AND REQUEST COMMENT OR EVALUATION. "TIME: 0630, 11 OCT 51, DICK REILLY AND I WERE FLYING AT 10,000 FT. OBSERVING THE GRAB BAG BALLOON WHEN I SAW A BRIGHTLY GLOWING OBJECT TO THE S.E. OF U. OF M. AIRPORT. AT THAT TIME WE WERE A FEW MILES NORTH OF MINNEAPOLIS AND HEADING EAST. I POINTED IT OUT TO DICK AND WE BOTH MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION.

"THE OBJECT WAS MOVING FROM EAST TO WEST AT A HIGH RATE AND VERY HIGH. WE TRIED KEEPING THE SHIP ON A CONSTANT COURSE AND USING REINFORCING MEMBER OF THE WINDSHIELD AS A POINT. THE OBJECT MOVED PAST THIS MEMBER AT ABOUT 30 DEGREES PER SECOND.

"THIS OBJECT WAS PECULIAR IN THAT IT HAD WHAT CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A HALO AROUND IT WITH A DARK UNDERSURFACE. IT CROSSED RAPIDLY AND THEN SLOWED DOWN AND STARTED TO CLIMB IN LAZY CIRCLES SLOWLY. THE PATTERN IT MADE WAS LIKE A FALLING OAK LEAF INVERTED. IT WENT THROUGH THESE GYRATIONS FOR A COUPLE MINUTES AND THEN WITH A VERY RAPID ACCELERATION DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST. THIS OBJECT, DICK AND I WATCHED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

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"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE ITS SIZE, BECAUSE AT THE TIME I DIDN'T HAVE THE BALLOON IN SIGHT FOR A COMPARISON.

"SHORTLY AFTER THIS WE SAW ANOTHER ONE, BUT THIS ONE DIDN'T HANG AROUND. IT APPROACHED FROM THE WEST AND DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST, NEITHER ONE LEAVING ANY TRACE OF VAPOR TRAIL.

"WHEN I SAW THE SECOND ONE I CALLED OUR TRACING STATION AT THE U.OF M. AIRPORT AND THE OBSERVERS THERE ON THE THEODOLITE MANAGED TO GET GLIMPSES OF A NUMBER OF THEM, BUT COULDN'T KEEP THE THEODOLITE GOING FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP THEM IN THE FIELD OF THEIR INSTRUMENTS. BOTH DOUG SMITH AND DICK DORIAN CAUGHT GLIMPSES OF THESE OBJECTS IN THE THEODOLITE AFTER I NOTIFIED THEM OF THEIR PRESENCE BY RADIO."

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Minneapolis, Minnesota
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For Wing Intelligence Officer. In reference to AFL letter 200-1, it is requested that AF Form 112 be completed on the incident in your area on 11 October 1951. Two pilots of the General Mills high altitude balloon project, Mr. Zuckert and Dick Reilly, sighted an unconventional aircraft southeast of University of Minnesota Airport. Object was also observed from the ground with a theodolite by a Mr. Doug Smith and Dick Dorian. Please advise by wire when this can be expected.

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IN REFERENCE TO YOUR MSG REQUESTED INFO WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS SOON (WRIO 1792) AS POSSIBLE. MR REILLT, MR SMITH AND MR DORIAN, ARE ALL OUT OF TOWN, CONTACT COULD NOT BE MADE. TRIED TO LOCATE A MR ZUKERT, ANYONE WITH THIS NAME COULD NOT BE LOCATED. A REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR HQS AS SOON AS THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE RETURN

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Subject Sighting of Unidentified Object

Area Reported On Vicinity of Minneapolis, Minnesota
From (Agency) Hq. 133rd Ftr.-Int. Wing, St. Paul, Minn.

Date of Report 20 Nov 1951
Date of Information 12 Oct 1951
Evaluation Unevaluated

Prepared by (Officer) Gerhard P. Kaske, Major, USAF
Source Interrogation of Aeronautical Research Lab.

References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AT-9358 ATIAA-Cmmdr

Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

This report was completed as requested by TWX from CO ATIC Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, dtd 16 Nov 1951, ref the AT-9358 by interrogating personnel of the Balloon Project Sect. of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories, General Mills, Minneapolis, Minnesota who made the observation. The men mentioned in the report are all research engineers working on a classified combined AF-Navy project and three of the men mentioned are also pilots. Mr. Kaliszewski, the narrator, was formerly in the USAF as a fighter pilot during WW II, Captain, 0-831550 with the 475th FG in the Pacific area. Mr. Kaliszewski also performed duty as engineering officer during his wartime service.

Considering the excellent technical background of the men interviewed, their knowledge of aerodynamics and the fact that there were four men to confirm the reported sighting, the undersigned feels that this is a very reliable report for this type of observation.

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The narrator, Mr. Kaliszewski, reported sighting unidentifiable objects on two successive days in reports to his superior officer. These original reports are included in their entirety in the event they had not been forwarded to ATIC or AFB previously.

1. Mr. C.B. Moore 12 October 1951

J. Kaliszewski

Flying Saucer Observation

Time: 1010, 10 October 1951
Place: 10 miles east of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin
Observers: J.J. Kaliszewski and Jack Donaghue

We had just spotted our trajectory flight and were approaching from the north at an altitude of 4000 ft. We started a climb towards the balloon on a course of 230°. At 6000 ft. I noticed a strange object crossing the skies from East to West, a great deal higher and behind our balloon. I estimated that our balloon was at approximately 20,000 ft. at the time.

Using our balloon for comparison, this object appeared to be about ¼ the size of the balloon. We were climbing and about 6 miles N.E. of the balloon. The object had a peculiar glow to it, crossing behind and above our balloon from East to West very rapidly, first coming in at a slight dive, leveling off for about a minute and slowing down, then into a sharp left and climb at an angle of 50 to 60° into the S.E. with a terrific acceleration, and disappeared.

Jack Donaghue and I observed this object for approximately two minutes and it crossed through an arc of approximately 40-50°. We saw no vapor trail and from past experience I know that this object was not a balloon, jet, conventional aircraft, or celestial star.

JJK:rj
cc: G.O. Haglund

Confirmation of the above sighting is not possible as Mr. Donaghue is presently at Alamogordo, N.M. on a research project for General Mills.

2. Mr. C.B. Moore 12 October 1951

J.J. Kaliszewski

SIGHTING OF FLYING SAUCER

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Time: 0630, 11 October 1951

Dick Reilly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the grab bag balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the S.E. of U. of M. Airport. At

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Sighting of Flying Saucers (contd.)

that time we were a few miles north of Minneapolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observations:

> The object was moving from the east to west at a high rate of speed and at very high altitude. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course to use the reinforcing member of the windshield as a fixed point. The object moved past this member at about 5° per second.
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> This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark undersurface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb slowly in lazy circles. The pattern it made was like an inverted falling leaf. It went through these gyrations for a couple of minutes. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes. I called our trackin station at the U. of M. Airport and the observers there on the theodolite managed to get glimpses of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite going fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Doug Smith and Dick Dorian caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio.
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> I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison and the weather was CAVU.
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> Shortly after this we saw another one, about two hours later, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.
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> JJK:rj
> cc: G.P. Haglund

The second of the observations reported above was confirmed by Mr. Dorian who was one of the crew at the U. of M. Airport tracking the balloon ascension. The object crossed Mr. Dorian's field of vision on a path roughly from 4 to 10 o'clock and when Mr. Dorian tried to track it in the theodolite he got only a brief blur (believes it was because theodolite wasn't focused). The object was visible in the theodolite for a little under two seconds and appeared to be smoky grey (no halo or glow was noticed), cigar shaped, left no vapor trail and gave off no reflection such as sun reflected by metal. Mr. Smith (not present at time of interrogation so this is hearsay repeated by Mr. Dorian) agreed with Mr. Dorian in all respects on the above information. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Dorian claim that during their period of visual observation they saw two more like objects which finally formed in straight pattern after the first and all departed at same time. The men in the plane saw only the one object described above.

All of these men were very positive on the following major points:

1. Object though vaguely defined and blurred by distance retained a definite shape.

2. No vapor trails, exhaust flashes or jet propulsion flames were seen.

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Sighting of Flying Saucers (contd.)

3. The object acted exactly as if under definitely controlled flight.

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Appendix I

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. - 11 October 1951

The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below.

"JOHN: 0630, 11 Oct 51. Dick Reilly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the grab bag balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the S.E. of U. of M. Airport. At that time we were a few miles north of Minneapolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observation:

"The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using reinforcing member of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this member at about 50 degrees per second.

"This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark undersurface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb in lazy circles slowly. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through these gyrations for a couple minutes and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes.

I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison.

Shortly after this we saw another one, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.

"When I saw the second one I called our tracking station at the U. of M. Airport and the observers there on the theodolite managed to get glimpses of a number of them, but couldn't keep the theodolite going fast enough to keep them in the field of their instruments. Both Doug Smith and Dick Lorien caught glimpses of these objects in the theodolite after I notified them of their presence by radio."

Status of Investigation

Further details of the incident have been requested. The sources have been investigated and are known to be experienced high altitude balloon observers with General Mills balloon projects.

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Appendix VII

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. - 11 October 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The only information available on this incident is a letter quoted below:

"TIME: 0630, 11 Oct 51. Dick Reilly and I were flying at 10,000 ft. observing the great bag balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the SW of University of Minnesota Airport. At that time we were a few miles north of Minneapolis and heading east. I pointed it out to Dick and we both made the following observation:

"The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using reinforcing member of the windshield as a point. The object moved past this member at about 50 degrees per second.

This object was peculiar in that it had what can be described as a halo around it with a dark undersurface. It crossed rapidly and then slowed down and started to climb in lazy circles slowly. The pattern it made was like a falling oak leaf inverted. It went through these gyrations for a couple minutes and then with a very rapid acceleration disappeared to the east. This object, Dick and I watched for approximately five minutes.

"I don't know how to describe its size, because at the time I didn't have the balloon in sight for a comparison.

"Shortly after this we saw another one, but this one didn't hang around. It approached from the west and disappeared to the east, neither one leaving any trace of vapor trail.

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II. WEATHER

Unknown, but evidently clear.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation produced no additional information as to the identity of the object. The theodolite operator was interrogated and stated that he could only observe "a brief blur for about two seconds". During his brief observation, the object appeared to be a smoky grey cigar shaped object. It left no vapor trail and gave off no reflection.

All observers were positive of the following facts:

A. The object, though vaguely defined and blurred, retained a definite shape.

B. No vapor trails, exhaust flashes, or jet propulsion were observed.

C. The object definitely seemed to be controlled. The sources are all experienced engineers with General Mills Balloon Projects and have been observing all types of balloons for several years.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

No conclusions can be made. It is significant however, that the sources can be graded as very reliable and that they observed an object with which they were entirely unfamiliar.

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 10 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 1010

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: SE

SOURCE: Balloon Obs.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Further investigation of both of these incidents has lead to no conclusions. The investigation is closed. (See Status Report No. II for details).
DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Round, silver object seen by pilots tracking a balloon.

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 11 Oct 51

TIME (Local): 0630

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Several Minutes

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Balloon Obs.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: See Status Report No. II for details.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Round, silver object seen by pilots tracking balloon and by ground observer team.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
23 September 1951

2. LOCATION
LONG BEACH
[redacted], California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0755PDST
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
F-86 Pilots

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
Not Reported

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Shape was round. Color was silver. It is believed the pilots saw a radiosonde balloon.

SEE CASE FILE

11. COMMENTS
Evaluated as a balloon.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☒ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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Appendix VII

MARCH AFB - 23 September 1951

On 23 September 1951 at 0710 PST, an unidentified object was sighted over Long Beach, California. Four F-86 aircraft were scrambled and the object was sighted by them over Muroc, California. On attaining an altitude of 48,000 ft. the F-86's reported the object to be orbiting March AFB at an estimated altitude of between 50,000 ft. and 55,000 ft. The object appeared to be a swept wing, fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Status of Investigation

Radiosonde balloons were released from San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Maria, California at approximately 0700 PST. All of these weather stations were checked by OSI personnel and although the balloons were released all weather station personnel stated that it would be very doubtful if their balloons would have traveled the course that the object traveled.

All of the major aircraft factories and installations conducting experimental flight tests were contacted. No experimental aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting.

Additional information has been requested as to additional details of the incident such as times and locations during the attempted interception by the F-86's and other possible balloon launchings.

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Appendix IV

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE - 23 September 1951

I. DISCUSSION OF INCIDENT

The first report of this incident, which appeared in Status Report No. 1, proved to be incomplete and misleading. Further investigation has corrected the discrepencies and the following account of the incident is considered to be accurate.

At approximately 0700 PDST, two F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George Air Force Base, California, on a routine mission. The flight was vectored to 118° 40'W - 33° 50'N by GCI. (See inclosed overlay.) The flight orbitted the position and took up a heading toward Long Beach Radio. At approximately 0755 PDST the flight reported to GCI that they observed an unidentified object high at 12 o'clock. The flight was 30 seconds out of Long Beach Radio at this time. The object appeared to be in a left orbit at about 50,000 ft. The object could not be picked up by the ground radar, however, visual contact was maintained. The object continued a left orbit and passed over the two aircraft. Attempts were made by the F-86's to identify the object but they were unsuccessful due to the altitude of the object and a fuel shortage. At approximately 0810 or 0815 the flight was released by the ground controller and they returned to George Air Force Base. The object appeared to be an aircraft with 45° swept wings and bright silver in color. When last seen the object was in a left orbit, or circling to the left. The pilot's opinion was that it was a swept wing type aircraft.

was this Daylight time?
other letters indicate standard time

At approximately 0800 PDST four additional F-86 aircraft were scrambled from George AFB to relieve the two above mentioned F-86's. The four aircraft split into two, two-ship elements, denoted as Flight 2-A and 2-B on the inclosed overlay. Flight 2-A was vectored to a position at 117° 30'W and 30° 20'N. They arrived at this position at approximately 0810 and sighted the object high at 12 o'clock at what appeared to be over Muroc AFB. A steady climb was made to 43,000 ft. and the object was found to be near March AFB. The object appeared to be in a controlled orbit to the right and left at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. The two aircraft stayed in the area for 10-15 minutes before breaking off the intercept due to a fuel shortage and landed at 0845 PDST. The object appeared to be a swept wing aircraft.

The second element of the group, noted as Flight 2-B on the overlay, observed the object soon after take-off. The object appeared to be going south. The flight made a series of climbing turns under the object as they climbed to 43,500 ft. The object was in a wide right turn. At approximately 0935 PDST the aircraft broke off the attempted intercept and returned to their base. This flight reported that the object appeared to be round and silver.

No more intercepts were attempted. At no time was the object observed on the radar screen nor was it reported to be observed visually from the ground. The F-86's, however, were continually tracked by radar.

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The F-86's were unable to climb to the estimated altitude of the object due to the fact that they were carrying external fuel tanks and elected not to jettison them.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

At 0700 PDST a radiosonde balloon was released from the Long Beach Municipal Airport. This balloon was lost at 0745 PDST, eight miles from the airport on a bearing of 95° true, due to a malfunction of the tracking equipment. (See Point A on overlay.) At this time the balloon would have been at approximately 40,000 ft. The winds above 40,000 ft. are unknown but it is logical to assume that at this altitude they will be relatively constant in direction. Assuming a relative constant direction of 270° and an average velocity of 30 knots above 40,000 ft. (the wind at 40,000 ft. was 280° at 21 knots) the possible flight path of the balloon can be plotted on the overlay.

The original sighting by Flight 1 could very possibly have been the balloon as their heading was toward Long Beach Airport. The altitude of the F-86's at the time of the sighting is unknown but was probably below 40,000 ft. At 0755, the time of the original sighting, the balloon would be at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. and approximately ten miles directly ahead of the two aircraft. The apparent orbitting of the balloon cannot be explained. The balloon would make a gradual turn due to wind shifts but these are so gradual that it is doubtful if the movement would be apparent from an aircraft as fast as an F-86.

Referring to the ground track of Flight 2-A, if a 30 knot wind at 270° is assumed, at 0810, the approximate time the F-86's sighted the object from a 355° TC, the balloon would be at B on the overlay. The balloon would probably be at an altitude of 60,000 ft. and nearly straight ahead of the aircraft. Due to the size of the balloon, the distance could have been misjudged and the balloon could have appeared to be near Muroc. Once again the orbitting of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-B cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-B is correct it is very doubtful that the flight was observing a balloon. The time that they sighted the object is not known but if it is assumed that they flew beneath the object for 30 minutes, it is highly doubtful that a wind shift of nearly 360° could occur above 60,000 ft. to give the illusion of a turn.

The possibility of this object being an experimental aircraft from some southern California aircraft plant, naval airfield, or from Edwards Air Force Base was checked with negative results. No other balloons were released in the vicinity.

III. CONCLUSIONS

With the information available, it cannot be concluded that the object was definitely the radiosonde balloon released from Long Beach Municipal Airport. However, since the balloon was near the flight path of two of the F-86 elements, and assuming that the orbitting of the object was an illusion due to the relative motion between the balloon and the aircraft, it can be concluded that the unidentified **object was very** possibly a radiosonde balloon.

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The third attempted intercept, the one in which the object was followed in a wide turn, cannot be explained.

It is not believed that further interrogation would produce any additional significant details due to the fact that some of the personnel involved have been transferred overseas and due to the time since the incident.

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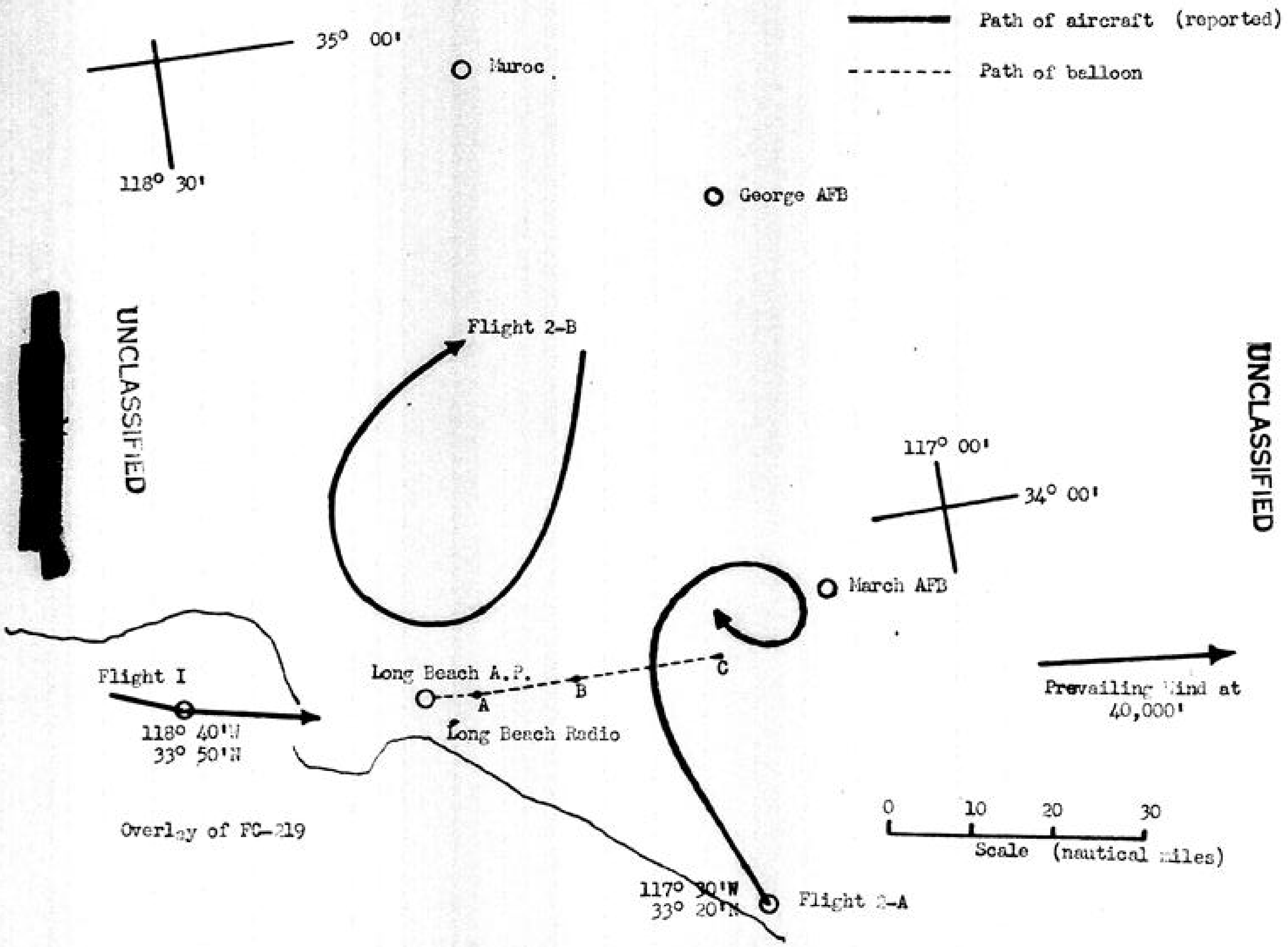
Path of aircraft (reported)
Path of balloon
35° 00'
118° 30'
Muroc
George AFB
Flight 2-B
117° 00'
34° 00'
March AFB
Flight I
118° 40'W
33° 50'N
Long Beach A.P.
A
B
C
Long Beach Radio
Prevailing Wind at 40,000'
0
10
20
30
Scale (nautical miles)
117° 30'W
33° 20'N
Flight 2-A

Overlay of FC-219

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Request for UFO Information (Buzz Sodeman) 17 MAY 1962

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. The attached letter from Mr. Buzz Sodeman requests information regarding 14 sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. The following information regarding the sightings referenced in Mr. Sodeman's letter is provided to assist you in preparing an answer to him. The order of the information corresponds to that contained in the attachment.

3. The Laredo AFB, Texas, sighting which occurred on 4 December 1952 was evaluated as an aircraft sighting.

4. At 1446 on 22 July 1952 the weather observer of the local airport at Uvalde, Texas, sighted an object which he described as being large and round, but displaying no aerodynamic features. The object was reported to be silver in color and estimated as 50 feet in diameter and to be at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The observer estimated the objects speed as in excess of 1000 mph. The object traveled from east at approximately 40° elevation to the southwest. The movement was described as gyrating and the object was in sight for 45 seconds. The object seemed to be climbing and disappeared behind a large cumulus cloud. The observer was not aware of any sound. This case is classed as unidentified in the FTD files. However, it should be noted that an object at 20,000 feet which spans an angle of approximately 90° in 45 seconds would have a speed of approximately 530 knots. If the object were at 3000 feet or closer to the cloud base, it would have a speed of only 80 knots. The available information is not sufficient to allow a confident solution to this case, but it is highly probable that the misidentification of a conventional object was the cause for this sighting.

5. On 23 September 1951 two flights of F-86's were scrambled from March AFB, California, to intercept an unidentified flying object. Contact was successful and the object identified as a rawinsonde balloon.

6. On 3 August 1952 at 1615 PST two objects were observed with binoculars from Hamilton AFB, California. The objects were observed for 1 hour and 15 minutes and were described as circular or globular in shape and silver in color. They were estimated to be 60-100 feet in diameter and possessing speeds of 400-450 mph. The objects were estimated to be at 12,000 and 18,000 feet. The object at 18,000 feet was reported to have dived at the lower object and maneuvered much the same as a fighter during a dog fight. During

[illegible] case at (Selfridge Air Force [illegible]) [illegible]
the case at (Goose Bay Air Force Base, Labrador on [illegible]) at
(Aircraft and Warning Station in Michigan on July 29,1952) and at
or rather in the area of (Northern Michigan on Nov.23,1951.) And
the foreign sightings at (Japan on [illegible] 29,1952) and on April 19,19
(in the Azores on Sept.26,19[illegible]) [illegible] on Feb.
[illegible] sighting on [illegible],1952) [illegible]
sighting Feb.11,1953) I [illegible] I have
been convinced by my History teacher that they are real.Thank you
very much.

Your's truly,
Buzz Sodeman
9[illegible] Emily Street
Saginaw,Michigan

P.S. Sirs I would also like to know if I could have the form's that one must sign after he has seen an "Unidentified Flying Object's".Thank you.

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The original sighting by Flight 1 could very possibly have been the balloon as their heading was toward Long Beach Airport. The altitude of the F-86's at the time of the sighting is unknown but was probably below 40,000 ft. At 075[illegible], the time of the original sighting, the balloon would be at 50,000 to 55,000 ft. and approximately ten miles directly ahead of the two aircraft. The apparent orbitting of the balloon cannot be explained. The balloon would make a gradual turn due to wind shifts but these are so gradual that it is doubtful if the movement would be apparent from an aircraft as fast as an F-86.

Referring to the ground track of Flight 2-A, if a 30 knot wind at 270° is assumed, at 0810, the approximate time the F-86's sighted the object from a 355° TC, the balloon would be at B on the overlay. The balloon would probably be at an altitude of 60,000 ft. and nearly straight ahead of the aircraft. Due to the size of the balloon, the distance could have been misjudged and the balloon could have appeared to be near Muroc. Once again the orbitting of the object cannot be explained.

The attempted intercept by Flight 2-B cannot be explained. If the ground track given by the leader of Flight 2-B is correct it is very doubtful that the flight was observing a balloon. The time that they sighted the object is not known but if it is assumed that they flew beneath the object for 30 minutes, it is highly doubtful that a wind shift of nearly 360° could occur above 60,000 ft. to give the illusion of a turn.

The possibility of this object being an experimental aircraft from some southern California aircraft plant, naval airfield, or from Edwards Air Force Base was checked with negative results. No other balloons were released in the vicinity.

III. CONCLUSIONS

With the information available, it cannot be concluded that the object was definitely the radiosonde balloon released from Long Beach Municipal Airport. However, since the balloon was near the flight path of two of the F-86 elements, and assuming that the orbitting of the object was an illusion due to the relative motion between the balloon and the aircraft, it can be concluded that the unidentified object was very possibly a radiosonde balloon.

The third attempted intercept, the one in which the object was followed in a wide turn, cannot be explained.

It is not believed that further interrogation would produce any additional significant details due to the fact that some of the personnel involved have been transferred overseas and due to the time since the incident.

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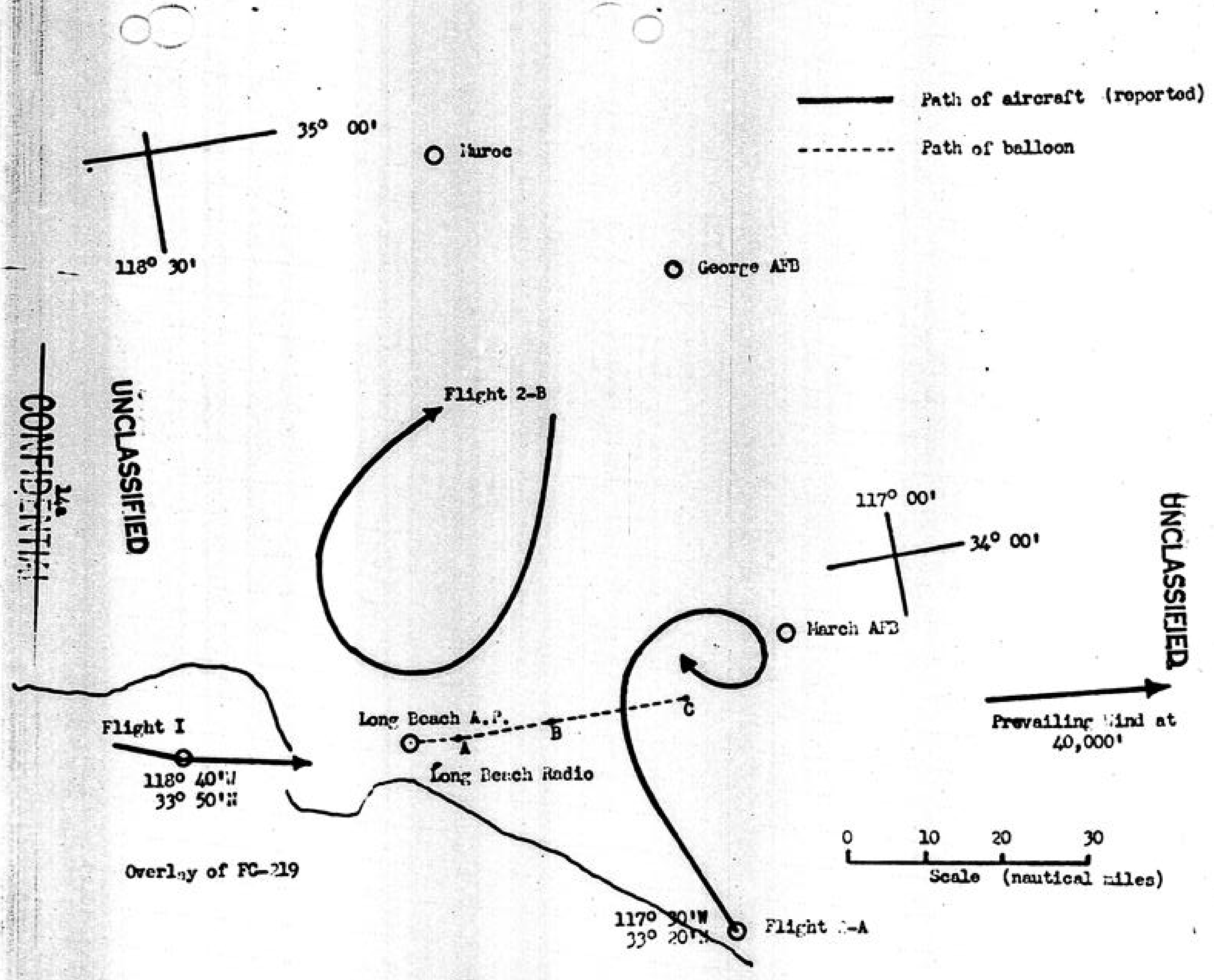
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Appendix VII

MARCH AFB - 23 September 1951

On 23 September 1951 at 0810 PST, an unidentified object was sighted over Long Beach, California. Four F-86 aircraft were scrambled and the object was sighted by them over Muroc, California. On attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft. the F-86's reported the object to be orbitting March AFB at an estimated altitude of between 50,000 ft. and 55,000 ft. The object appeared to be a swept wing, fighter type aircraft.

Weather

Unavailable at this time.

Status of Investigation

Radiosonde balloons were released from San Diego, Long Beach and Santa Maria, California at approximately 0700 PST. All of these weather stations were checked by OSI personnel and although the balloons were released all weather station personnel stated that it would be very doubtful if their balloons would have traveled the course that the object traveled.

All of the major aircraft factories and installations conducting experimental flight tests were contacted. No experimental aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting.

Additional information has been requested as to additional details of the incident such as times and locations during the attempted interception by the F-86's and other possible balloon launchings.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: High Flying Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON: Long Beach, Muroc, and March Air Force Base, California

FROM (Agency): CG 27th Air Division (Def), Norton AFB, Calif.

DATE OF REPORT: 5 October 1951

DATE OF INFORMATION: 23 September 1951

EVALUATION: F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer): William F. White
1st Lt. William F. WHITE, Director of Intelligence

SOURCE: Report to CG, 27th Air Div from Controllers, ADCC and 669th AC&W Squadron

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): ADC Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951 and TWX from CG 27th Air Div (Def)-Norton AFB-Calif dated 25 September 1951

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

0710 PST

At 1610Z, 23 September 1951, an object was sighted and reported over Long Beach, California, at 50,000 feet. Four (4) F-86 were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over Muroc, California. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 feet, F-86 sighted object to be in a constant orbit in the vicinity of March Air Force Base, California, at an altitude between 50,000 feet and 55,000 feet. Object appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) CG 27th Air Division (Def), Norton AFB, California	REPORT NO. 1	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES

The inclosed report was received by Captain J. R. STEELE, Chief Controller, ADCC, from Major LEO MELZER, Operations Officer, 750th AC&W Squadron. The report was read back and verified by Major MELZER.

Major MELZER checked Edwards AFB Flight Dispatcher and Control Tower Operator concerning aircraft from Edwards AFB in flight. No jet or conventional aircraft had taken off from Edwards AFB. The Operations Officer confirmed that no experimental aircraft to his knowledge were scheduled for flight. Edwards AFB Flight Dispatcher checked Nellis AFB, Inyokern, and George AFB Operations and reported that no flight had been airborne at the time that would approximate descriptions given.

Major MANUSSIER, CO of the 750th AC&W Squadron, asked General BOYD, CG of Edwards AFB, whether he knew of any flight to which General BOYD replied in the negative. General BOYD suggested that North American Company at Los Angeles International Airport be checked. Major MELZER checked Bell Aircraft, N.A.C.A., Douglas, North American and Northrup, but only an MP at Northrup answered any of these calls and reported that there had been no activity all morning. Bell has been experimenting with X-1 and X-5; N.A.C.A. with the XF-92; Douglas with the D 558; and Northrup with the X-3.

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STATEMENT

23 September 1951

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From 43,000 feet this bogie appeared to be between 50,000 and 55,000 feet and also appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. He was also noted to be in a constant orbit.

James H Harvey
JAMES H HARVEY
Captain USAF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

20 November 1951

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Auth. CS, USAF
By RAS
Date 20 NOV 1951

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object
Over Long Beach, California
on 23 September 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent FRED T. RAGSDALE, 18th OSI District, file 24-129, dated 30 October 1951, subject as above.

2. No further investigative action is contemplated in this case, and the files of the Office of Special Investigations are considered closed in instant case.

3. Attention is invited to paragraph 7, AFR 205-1, dated 14 March 1949, which prohibits the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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Lt Colonel, USAF
Acting District Commander

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HQ 27TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE) Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California NOV 1 1951

TO: CO ATIC Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

Forwarded herewith is the Report of Investigation requested by your Headquarters, reference ATIAA-2 Grudge.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
18th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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18D 24-129

30 October 1951

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Object
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On 23 September 1951.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Headquarters, 27th Air Division (Defense)
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference is made to your letter of 22 October 1951, entitled "High Flying Unidentified Object", your file number 27ADDI 360.1, requesting this District Office to conduct an investigation concerning the sighting of an unidentified object over Long Beach, California, on 23 September 1951.

2. Attached is the original and one copy of a report prepared by Special Agent FRED T. RAGSDALE, which sets forth the results of our investigation pertaining to this matter.

3. This District Office anticipates conducting no further investigation on this case unless so requested by your Headquarters.

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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Rpt of S/A FRED T. RAGSDALE,
dtd 30 Oct. 1951 (in dup.)

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FILE NO.
24-129

DATE
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REPORT MADE BY
FRED T. RAGSDALE

REPORT MADE AT
DO #18, Maywood, California

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25, 26, 30 October 1951

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Sighting of Unidentified Object
Over Long Beach, California,
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REFERENCE
TWX to Hqs OSI, dated 26 October 1951

SYNOPSIS

The Commanding General, 27th Air Division, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California, requested an investigation concerning the sighting of an unidentified object over Long Beach, California, on 23 September 1951. The object was sighted at 0810 hours at 50,000 feet. Four F-86's were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over Muroc, California. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 feet, the F-86's reported object to be in constant orbit in the vicinity of March AFB, California, at an altitude between 50,000 and 55,000 feet. Object appeared to be a swept wing fighter type aircraft. A check with aircraft manufacturers in the Southern California area revealed that none had scheduled test flights of experimental aircraft on the date object was seen. Weather balloons are released by three weather stations in Southern California, which rise to a height in excess of 50,000 feet. It was found that all three of these stations released a balloon on the morning of 23 September 1951. The operators of these stations said that there was a possibility that the object sighted was one of the balloons which had been released just prior to the time this object was reportedly seen.

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DETAILS:

1. The investigation of this matter was predicated upon a letter from the Commanding General, Headquarters, 27th Air Division, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California, dated 22 October 1951, requesting this District Office to make an investigation concerning the sighting of an unidentified object over Long Beach, California, on 23 September 1951.

2. At the time this matter was referred to this office, the 27th Air Division furnished an Intelligence Report which sets forth the following information.

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"s/t
JAMES H. HARVEY
Captain USAF

"CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Ethel F. Hoffman
ETHEL F. HOFFMAN
Major, USAF "

3. The Air Defense Command suggested the possibility that this object was an experimental aircraft which was being test flown for one of the aircraft manufacturing concerns located in this area.

4. From the information set forth above, it will be noted that this object was first sighted over Long Beach. The F-86's, after being dispatched to investigate, sighted the object over Muroc, California, which is some 100 miles due North of Long Beach. Captain HARVEY, the flight leader, said that when the F-86's attained an altitude of 43,000 feet, the object was sighted in the vicinity of March AFB. The March AFB is some

125 miles South and East of Muroc. Therefore, after being first sighted, the object appeared to travel due North for some 100 miles and then Southeast for approximately 125 miles.

5. Special Agent ARTHUR J. MAIKOSKI made inquiry at the following aircraft companies in an effort to determine if they were test flying any experimental aircraft on 23 September 1951.

Northrop Aircraft Company
Hawthorne, California

North American Aviation, Inc.
Inglewood, California

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.
El Segundo, California

Lockheed Aircraft Company
Burbank, California

Hughes Aircraft Company
Culver City, California

It was found that none of these companies was test flying experimental aircraft on the date this object was seen. The above companies are under contract to build aircraft for both the U. S. Air Forces and U. S. Navy.

6. Special Agent THOMAS J. McARDLE made inquiry at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, California, and they advised that, although they were presently working on experimental aircraft, they did not have a flight scheduled for 23 September 1951.

7. Colonel C. E. JACKSON, Air Force Engineering Field Office, 5504 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, advised that he knew of no experimental aircraft which was being test flown on the date this object was seen. He stated that practically all USAF experimental aircraft are test flown at Edwards AFB, Muroc, California. In this respect, it will be noted that the 27th Air Division made inquiry at Edwards AFB and they reported that no experimental aircraft was scheduled for flight on 23 September 1951.

8. Special Agent MEDFORD M. LEAKE interviewed Major KENNETH T. BROOKS, Detachment Commander, Weather Division, Long Beach AFB, Long Beach, California. He claimed that a weather balloon is released by his station approximately every six hours. He said that his records show that one was released between the hours of 0645 and 0745 on the morning of 23 September 1951 and that due to mechanical difficulties, contact with the balloon was lost at 42,900 feet. The rate of ascent of this balloon was 1000 feet per minute and was traveling in a general North Easterly and

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later Westerly direction.

9. Lt. OLIVER A. WAGGONER, Forecaster at the Long Beach Weather Station, advised that, in his opinion, the balloon could not have been more than eight miles from point of release at Long Beach at the time his office lost contact with it.

10. Major BROOKS said that this balloon at 43,000 feet would be about 20 feet in diameter and the size and shape would be determined by the wind currents and the wind speed. Twenty feet below the balloon on a cord is attached a red paper parachute which is connected to a radio transmitter encased in a small white glossy cardboard box approximately 1' x 8".

11. Special Agent HENRY O. CHAPPELL interviewed Mr. P. R. NELSON, General Services Meteorologist, Hancock Field, Santa Maria, California, and he advised that his station released two weather balloons on 23 September 1951. One was released at 0300Z hours (1900 hours Pacific Standard Time, 22 September 1951), and one was released at 1505Z hours (0705 Pacific Standard Time, 23 September 1951). The one which was released on 22 September 1951 attained an altitude of 78,000 feet and was contacted for 68 minutes by radio. The one which was released on 23 September 1951 remained in the air 74 minutes and attained an altitude of 100,000 feet. He said that the course of the balloons would depend upon the wind velocity and that the average winds from Santa Maria are traveling in a Southeasterly direction. He stated that it was doubtful that one of the balloons which was released at Santa Maria, which is some 175 miles North and West of Long Beach, could have traveled from Santa Maria South to Long Beach then North to Santa Maria, and then South and East to March AFB. A description of the balloon at an altitude of some 50,000 feet was the same as that furnished by Major BROOKS.

Santa Maria

12. Special Agent THOMAS McARDLE was advised by Lt. Commander D. C. WEST, Weather Station Officer, Naval Air Station, San Diego, California, that his station released a balloon at approximately 0700 hours PST on 23 September 1951. He claimed that the balloon attained an altitude of some 60,000 feet before it burst. San Diego is approximately 150 miles South of Long Beach.

13. All of the above weather officers stated that there was a possibility that the object sighted was one of the balloons which had been released, however each stated that it was doubtful because of the course which the sighted object reportedly traveled.

14. This matter was coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles, The Office of Naval Intelligence in Los Angeles, and San Diego, and the Counter Intelligence Corps, Fort MacArthur, California. None of these agencies had received any information relative to this matter.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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28 NOV 1951

SUBJECT: [redacted] High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding General
27th Air Division (Def)
Attention: Director of Intelligence
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference is made to AF Form 112, #1, dated 5 Oct 1951, subject: "High Flying Unidentified Object", in which the incident of an unidentified object sighted over March Air Force Base on 23 Sept 1951 is reported.

2. The possibility of this object being a weather balloon released from San Diego, Long Beach, or Santa Maria or that it was an experimental aircraft has been investigated. It is highly doubtful if the object was a balloon, and it was not an experimental aircraft. Consequently, further investigation of the incident is warranted.

3. It is requested that the following information be obtained as soon as possible and forwarded to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Attn: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

a. From what location was the original sighting of the object made? The report states that it was sighted over long Beach. How was it located, visually or by radar?

b. From what base did the F-86's take off? What was the time of take-off?

c. The report states that the object was first sighted by the F-86's over Muroc. What was the time and location of the F-86's at the time of this sighting? How did they determine the object was over Muroc?

d. The report states that when the F-86's reached an altitude of 43,000 ft. the object was over March Air Force Base. Did the F-86's have the object in sight during its run from Muroc to March Air Force

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Base or did they lose it and sight it again over March Air Force Base? What was the time when the object was sighted over March AFB?

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e. Were any types of balloons launched from either Norton AFB or March AFB several hours prior to the time of the sighting of the object over March AFB?

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4. In addition to the above specific points, it is requested that the F-86 pilots be reinterrogated and a detailed statement of their attempted interception be submitted. It would be very helpful to include with these a Sectional Chart with the flight path of the F-86's and times of significant occurrences marked.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

5. It is realized that due to the time that has elapsed since the incident it may be difficult to get data but it is requested that every effort be made to obtain information that is as accurate as possible.

RESEARCH & DEV.*

6. The Air Technical Intelligence Center wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation received by your Command and the Office of Special Investigations in regard to this incident.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

M. Zimmerman

S. H. KIRKLAND, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

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HEADQUARTERS 27th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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In Reply Refer To:
27ADDI-360.1

DEC 21 1951

SUBJECT: (Restricted) High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to your letter AFOIN-ATIAA-2c dated 28 November 1951. In compliance with your request, the following information is submitted in answer to the questions contained in paragraph (3) of your letter.

a. Original sighting of object was made visually at 0715 PST from position over Santa Monica Bay as indicated on attached map overlay.

b. Element making original sighting took off from George Air Force Base at 0700 PST.

c. Reports that object was directly over Muroc and March Air Force Base were apparently in error, resulting from the difficulty of making a land fix at high altitude. (Based on later interrogation of pilots by DI of First Fighter-Interceptor Wing, when reports indicated both sightings at the same time.)

d. Paragraph 1 c above applies.

e. Norton Air Force Base and March Air Force Base were queried as to the launching of any type balloon, or any other object that might have had the appearance of the object in question, from those bases. Norton Air Force Base replied in the negative; March Air Force Base has not replied to date, and their reply will be forwarded to your headquarters immediately upon receipt. However, the orbit of the object, as compared with the prevailing winds indicated, seems to preclude the possibility of the object being a free balloon.

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2. Attached are statements of reinterrogation of those pilots still available for questioning, and Sectional Chart indicating significant occurrences, as submitted by the 94th Fighter-Interceptor Wing. (A correction of Captain Reichman's statement was later made verbally to the DI of the Wing: The nature of the scramble was an Air Defense mission, not to intercept an unidentified object as originally stated.)

3. Also attached is a statement by the Commanding Officer of the 669th AC&W Squadron, which indicates that the object was never picked up by radar.

4. It is believed that this data presents as accurate a report as can be obtained. However, if further investigation is desired, this headquarters will make every effort to obtain additional information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E P Washington

E. P. WASHINGTON
2ND LT USAF
Asst Air Adj Gen

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1. Cy 27 ADIV ltr 360.1 dtd 7 Dec 51, w/1st Ind fr CO, 669th AC&W Sq dtd 13 Dec 51.
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HEADQUARTERS 27th AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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In Reply Refer To:
27ADDI-360.1

DEC 7 1951

SUBJECT: (Restricted) High Flying Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding Officer (Kill Deck)
669th AC&W Squadron
Fort MacArthur
San Pedro, California

1. This headquarters has received a request for further investigation of the unidentified object sighted on 23 September 1951, and reported upon by 2nd Lt. Lorimer W. Hay-Chapman of your command.

2. It is requested that the following information be forwarded as soon as possible:

a. Original sighting: how received, time and position.

b. Time and position of later sightings, indicating whether visual or by radar.

c. Detailed report of action taken, including scramble order.

d. If feasible, a Sectional Chart showing flight paths and times of significant occurrences.

3. A detailed report of the interceptor action is also being requested through the 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing. By correlating the two reports, it is hoped a complete history of the incident may be obtained.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL HUTCHINSON:

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2ND LT USAF
Asst Air Adj Gen

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Hq 27th AD (DEF) 360.1 Subject: High Flying Unidentified Object

669th AC&W Sqdn 360.1 (7 Dec 51) 1st Ind 13 Dec 51

669th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON, Fort MacArthur, California

TO: Commanding General, 27th Air Division (DEF), Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California

1. In reference to Par. 2a basic letter the following is submetted.

a. Original sighting: received by VHF from Swanee Brown leader at 0755 PDST. The object was over San Pedro, California.

b. Time and position of later sightings: Swanee Brown leader last saw the object near March Air Force Base, California. All sightings were visual, the object was not picked up by radar.

c. Swanee Brown flight was on an Air Defense mission when the object was sighted. Swanee Brown was unable to intercept the object because of its high altitude and speed. The ADCC Controller was notified of the incident and our attempt to intercept the craft.

d. It is not possible for this Headquarters to show the flight path of the object. It was under surveillance by the pilot for approximately fifteen (15) minutes. The flight path was erratic but in an easterly direction.

JAMES H. DAVIS
Major USAF
Commanding Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
94TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON UNCLASSIFIED
George Air Force Base, California

11 December 1951

SUBJECT: Investigation of high flying Unidentified Object.

TO : Commanding General
1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing
Norton Air Force Base,
San Bernardino, California

1. Reference letter 27 ADD1-360.1. The attached reports are submitted herewith.

a. Statement of pilots making observation

b. Map

c. Overlays

d. Weather Rept. Winds Aloft..extract Records 23 Sept 51 C.F.C.

2. Pilots were interrogated by Major Charles F. Casey, the Intelligence Officer of the 1st Fighter-Interceptor Wing.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Harold E. Guthrie
HAROLD E. GUTHRIE
Captain USAF
Intelligence Officer

Incls:
A. Statements by:

Capt. James H. Harvey
Capt. Harold E. Guthrie
Capt. Omer J. Reichman

B. Map

C. Overlays

D. Weather Rept. Windd Aloft. Extract records 23 Sept 51 C.F.C.

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STATEMENT

11 December 1951

1. On 23 September 1951 at approximately 0810 ST a bogie was sighted about 50,000 feet over Long Beach. I, Captain James H. Harvey and my flight of four were dispatched by Kill Deer to investigate this bogie. When we sighted this bogie he appeared to be over Muroc. When we reached an altitude of 43,000 feet this object was in the vicinity of March Air Force Base.

From 43,000 feet this bogie appeared to be between 50,000 and 55,000 feet and also appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. He was also noted to be in a constant orbit.

2. Q. When you were Vectored by the Long Beach area, were you able to Fix your position?

A. Yes, at approximately 117° 30 W- 33° 20 N.

Q. Did you see this object?

A. Yes.

Q. What position was it, in relation to you?

A. 12% and very high.

Q. What was your heading at that time?

A. 340° Compass Heading. (

Q. Did you alert the rest of your flight?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. By what method?

A. Radio.

Q. Were you on the same comm. channel as Kill Deer?

A. Yes. [redacted]

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"A" (HARVEY)

Statement Cont'd. (Harvey) [redacted] UNCLASSIFIED

Q. Did your flight Roger your information?

A. Yes they did.

Q. Were you sure Kill Deer read you also?

A. Right, because Kill Deer knew of object.

Q. Did you question Kill Deer if they could read object on the scope?

A. I did not, but Captain Reichman did.

Q. Were you over Muroc at any time?

A. Negative.

Q. Did you attempt to intercept object?

A. Yes I did with my three companions.

Q. What happened. Were you able to intercept?

A. No—because we had external tanks, and 43,000 feet was the highest we could get. Plus fuel shortages. If we had dropped our tanks, I believe we could have attained higher altitude.

Q. Did you ask permission to drop tanks?

A. No.

Q. Did Control instruct you to do so?

A. No.

Q. Did you lose sight of object at any time?

A. No.

Q. How long did you remain in area with object?

A. I don't know exactly, but at least 10 to 15 minutes. Not being able to climb higher, we broke off the intercept, because of the fuel shortage, and returned to Base.

Q. Did Kill Deer release you, or what comm did you have with Control?

A. Yes, when informed of our position.

Q. Did Kill Deer inform you a new interception was in progress?

A. No.

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Statement Cont'd. (Harvey)

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Q. Were you at any time over or near March Base?

A. Yes, within 10 miles, altitude 43,000ft.

Q. Did you see this object then?

A. Yes, it appeared, from angle we were at, to be directly over March AF. Base.

Q. Any noticeable manuevers?

A. No, just an orbit----varied between left and right.

Q. Would you say it was a controlled orbit?

A. Yes, it appeared so; the turn was held in. ie., controlled.

Q. Did you hear March Tower talk at any time?

A. No. I was on a different frequency.

Q. Can you describe the object?

A. It appeared to be a swept back wing, bright silver color. In size prospection, it would fit within the radii of a gun sight. ?

Q. What altitude do you estimate object was at?

A. 50-55,000 feet.

Q. Your altitude at this time was 43,000 feet.

A. Yes, it was.

Q. That would indicate approximately 12,000 feet difference between you and the object?

A. Yes.

Q. What was the weather and visibility?

A. Clear and unlimited.

Q. In your own opinion Captain, what do you deduce it(the object) could have been?

A. It could have been a free ballon.

Q. Did you discuss this object with your co-pilots.

A. Yes. We were not quite definite, but it was an unidentified object.

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Statement Cont'd. (Harvey) UNCLASSIFIED

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Q. What time did you land?

A. At about 0845.

James H. Harvey
JAMES H. HARVEY
Captain USAF

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STATEMENT

[redacted] [redacted] 11 December 1951

1. Captain Omer J. Reichman states: On the morning of 23 September, 1951, I was one of an element of two that Scrambled at approximately 0700 hours. [The nature of this cramble was to intercept unidentified object.] We were Vectored over Long Beach Bay, arriving there at 0715 at approximately 30,000feet. I was in a port orbit over position (118° 40 W—33° 50 N). I took up a Vector to Long Beach range at approximately 80° heading. At a period 30 seconds from Long Beach Range, I saw this object at 12 o/c high above me. It appeared to be in a left orbit of an undeterment speed, at above 50,000feet altitude. It continued on a left orbit and passed directly over me, port to starboard. It appeared to have swept back wing of 45° and a very bright silver coloring---like sun reflecting on water. The prospection of the object seemed very far away.

2. Did the pilot of your element also see this object?

A. Yes. (Name:Jack G. Rico't, Lt ~~Captain.~~) Now TDY MAXWELL Fld.

Q. Did you attract his attention to the object?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. Did you satisfy yourself he saw and recognized object pointed out?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. How did you accomplish this?

A. Over the radio, V.H.F.

Q. Is that on the same channel as Kill Deer?

A. Yes. I called this information into them. They Rogered but they did not have object on the radar scope.

Q.

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"A" (REICHMAN) [redacted]

Statement Cont'd. (Reichman) UNCLASSIFIED

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Q. Could they, or was Kill Deer tracking you?

A. Yes. [redacted]

Q. You are quite certain Kill Deer Rogered you, but it could not Roger object?

A. Right. At the time I called in my position.

Q. What was your position at the time?

A. 30 seconds from Long Beach, heading 80 degrees. Probably Mag

Q. Did you notice any manuevers from this object?

A. No. It continued in a left orbit.

Q. Were you in vicinity of Muroc at any time?

A. I passed within 20 miles going out and returning. I did not see object there.

Q. Did you try to intercept it?

A. No. The shortage of fuel and altitude of the object prevented me from doing so.

Q. Are you positive Kill Deer was aware of object, and also of your fuel shortage?

A. Yes, they were, because they had Vectored the next flight into the vicinity and released us.

Q. In your own opinion, what do you think the object could have been?

A. I am of the opinion it was an A/C of some sort, being in a state of turn.

Q. Have you discussed this object with others who also saw it, and if so, how.

A. Yes, because of curiosity and attempting to resolve it. I also reported it on landing. Capt Harvey made a written report.

Q. Did you lose sight of the object.

A. No. I left because of fuel shortage, and object was still in a port orbit, Lft altitude approx. 50,000 ft.

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Statement Cont'd. (Reichman) [redacted]

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Q. What time approximately did you break off?

A. About 0810 to 0815.- Heading directly to Base at a 33° heading.

[illegible] J. REICHMAN
Captain USAF

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STATEMENT

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11 December 1951

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1. Captain Harold E. Guthrie States: On the 23rd of September I was piloting an F-86E A/C in a flight of four. I took off from George Air Force Base at 0800, 23 September, 1951 for a scramble interception of an unidentified Bogie over the Los Angeles area. At approximately 0810 I sighted an unidentified object over San Antonio PEAK California, (117degrees 40' W-34 degrees, 20'N). It appeared to be at 40,000 feet altitude, moving South. This object appeared to be travelling at a slow speed. It was oval shaped with a silverish color, like aluminum. It had a level flight but orbitting right. The flight attempted to intercept; however, at 43,000 feet altitude we broke off because of low fuel. Object sighted was still above us.

2. Q. What action did you take with AC&W when you observed fuel low and had to break interception ?

A. Kill Deer was contacted and informed of our low fuel level. Our flight was released for Pancake.

Q. Did Kill Deer acknowledge your message ?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you hear any further alerts being directed by Kill Deer ?

A. No.

Q. What time was this ?

A. Approximately 0925.

Q. Did you see any other military A/C in the vicinity ?

A. None.

Q. Were you in Radio Communication with any other military A/C in the vicinity ?

A. No.

Q. Who else, in your particular flight, observed this object ?

A. Captain Harvey, Major Buchanan(transferred to Korea), and Captain Coberly(also now in Korea).

Q. What was the nature of your discussion airborn, when the object was sighted ?

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A. We discussed its altitude, speed, and direction of flight.

"A" (GUTHRIE)

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Statement Cont'd. (Guthrie)

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A. Cont'd. Kildare asked us to indentify, and we found that impossible to do.

Q. Why couldn't you?

A. Object was too high and we were suffering from a fuel shortage.

Q. Direction. Had this object maintained a Southerly direction during your attempt to intercept it?

A. It had maintained "Orbit to Right."

Q. Your position at 0925 was where and what altitude?

A. In the vicinity of SAN ANTONIO PEAK, Alt: 43,500ft.

Q. Do you know if there were any other Interceptors air borne on or about the L.A. area, when you were on Intercept Scramble?

A. Yes. Two others from George A.F.B.

Q. Separate flights?

A. Yes, a separate flight.

Q. Do you know if they were aware of the proximity of this object?

A. No. However, they had sighted it at Long Beach and they had sighted it before us.

Q. Can you give ~~XX~~ the sequences of Vectors if any given you by ACW or any other such agencies?

A. There were no Vectors given by Kildare because object was not reflected in the radar scope.

Q. Do you know if your flight was observed Kildare scope?

A. I don't know. But I presume they did.

Q. Have you ever requested a Fix from them?

A. Yes, and they have given us a position Fix.

Q. What do you think your object sighted could have been, bearing and its behaviour?

A. It is my opinion it was a free weather balloon, influenced by upper air currents.

[redacted]

Harold E. Guthrie
HAROLD E. GUTHRIE
Captain USAF
[redacted]telligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
1ST FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR WING
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIF.

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SUBJECT: WEATHER REPORT.

Winds Aloft — 23 Sept 51 UNCLASSIFIED

The following information was extracted from record files maintained by Base Weather Station, Norton AF Base, San Bernardino, California. Major Harmon USAF, Weather Squadron Commanding Officer.

WINDS ALOFT. 23 Sept 51- 1500Z= 0700 hrs Pacific Time

200 M.B. = 40,200 ft. Los Angeles Area

Long Beach— Wind from due West 270 degrees at 20 knots.

Phonenix— " " " " 270 " " 35 " .

Las Vegas— " " " " 280 " " 20 " .

Indicating these winds were constant from West to East

(Note) a. This is at variance with Guthrie who reported object orbitting to right.(item free balloon).
b. Reichman reported "object" orbitting left would be more correct.(item free balloon)
c. Harvey's report—object over M A.F.B. could not, or at least eliminates (item free balloon)

WINDS ALOFT—12 hours later. ie. 0300Z 24th or 1900 Pac Time 23 Sept 51.
Winds change to N.W. with no appreciable increase in velocity, except Tuscon,.winds up to 45 knots.

TEMPERATURES—aloft were MINUS 55 degrees generally in both cases.

CHAS. F. CASEY
Major USAF
Intelligence Officer
1st. Ftr-Intcp. Wing.

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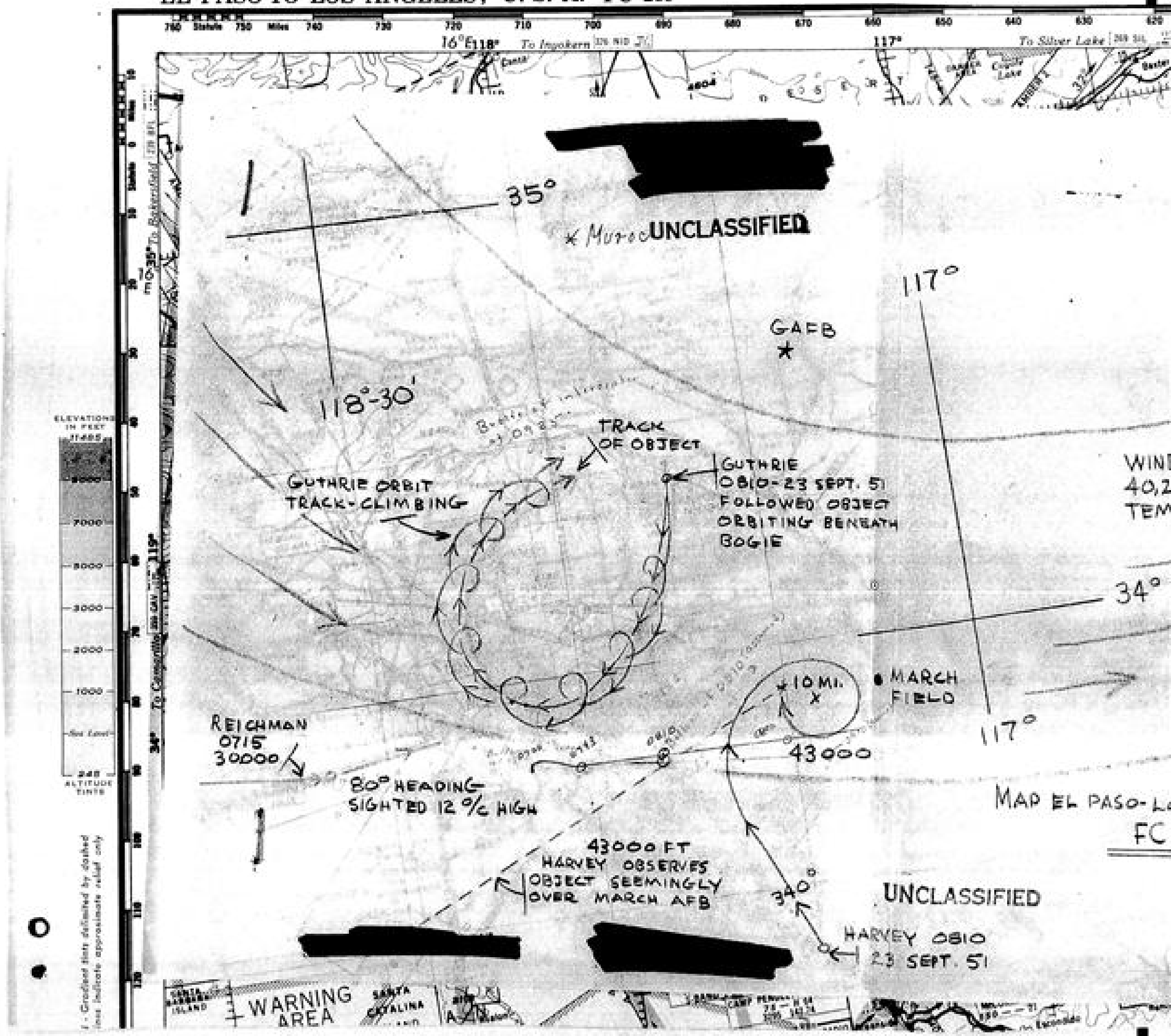

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To Silver Lake
To Bakersfield
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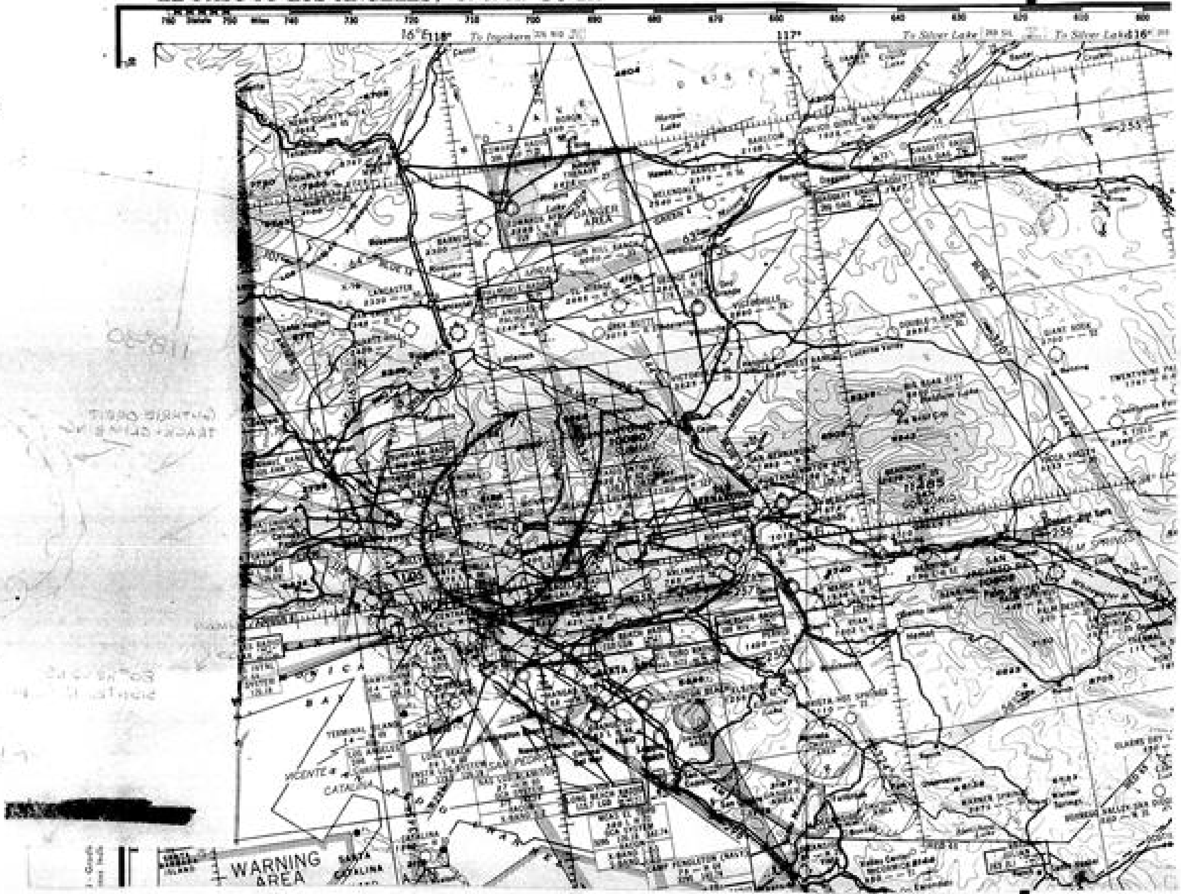
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CO, ATIC

TO: ~~Commanding Officer~~
Air Force Weather Squadron
Long Beach Municipal Airport
Long Beach, California
RADNOTE

INFO: D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
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CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

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ATIAA-2c File

ATIAA-11-4E. This Center has been informed that your station launched a weather balloon between 0645 and 0746 PST on 23 Sept 1951, and that it was lost at 42,900 feet. It is requested that more exact details be forwarded by mail as soon as possible for use in high priority classified project. Information needed is:

a. Exact time of launch.

b. Ground track of balloon until it was lost.

c. Time and location when balloon was lost.

d. Winds aloft.

e. Rate of assent.

f. Type of balloon.

In reply refer to Project Grudge.

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Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

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DETACHMENT 10-6
10TH WEATHER SQUADRON
LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA

4 December 1951

SUBJECT: Flight of Weather Balloon (Project Grudge)

TO: Commanding Officer
ATIC Wright Patterson AFB
Ohio

1. Reference your TWX 30 November 1951, The following information is submitted:

a. Launching time 0700P.

b. Ground track of balloon is shown in enclosed graph.

c. Balloon lost at 0743P, eight (8) miles east of this station, bearing ninety-five (95) degrees.

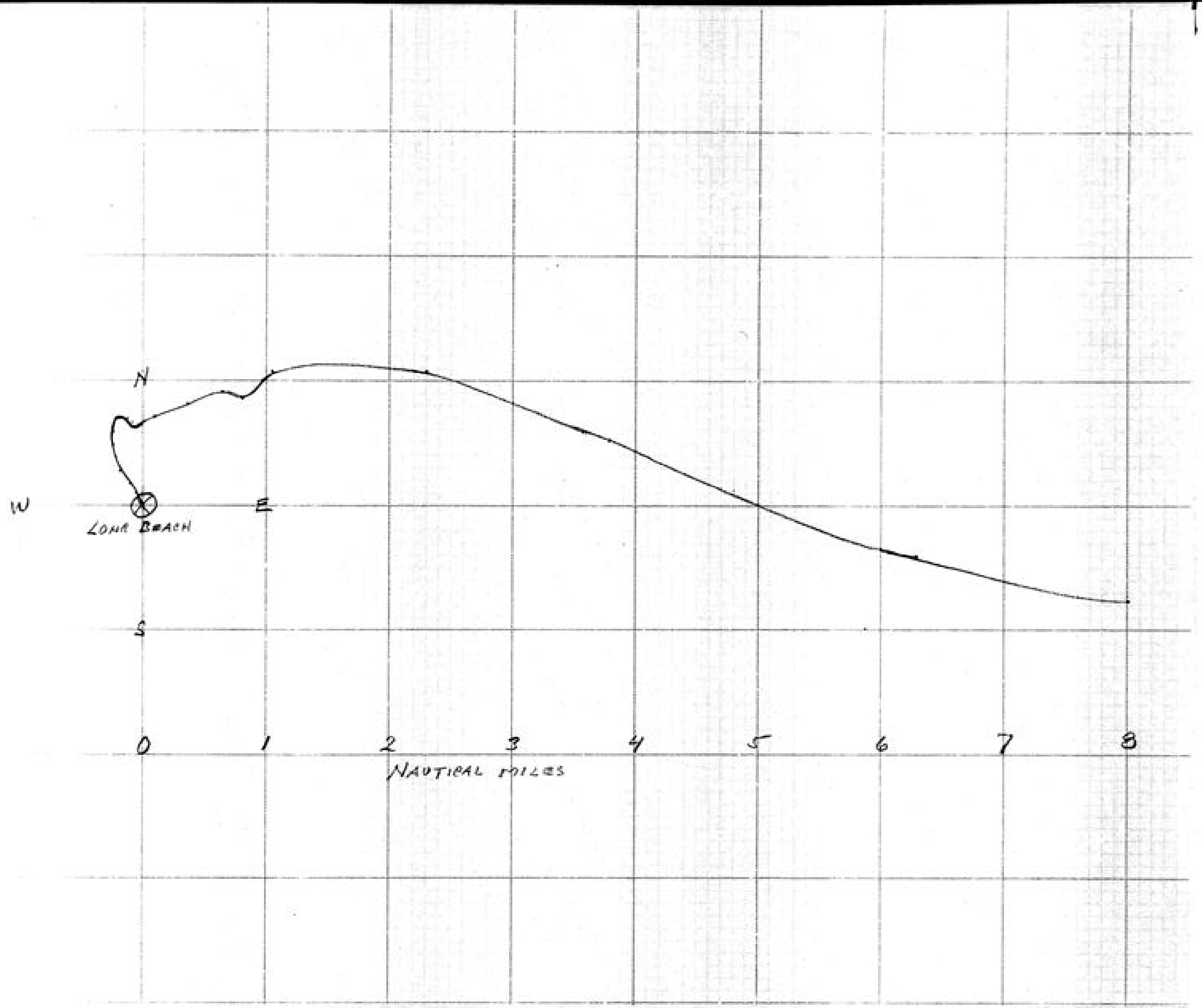
d. Winds Aloft:

Height	Direction	knots
SFC	160 deg	02
1000	140	04
2000	140	05
3000	140	07
4000	160	07
5000	170	05
6000	180	06
7000	200	07
8000	270	04
9000	310	03
10000	320	03
12000	240	05
14000	250	09
16000	250	09
18000	290	05
20000	230	10
25000	270	15
30000	290	19
35000	290	32
40000	280	21

e. Rate of ascent was 1000 feet per minute.

f. Type of balloon used was ML-391.

Kenneth T. Brooks
KENNETH T. BROOKS
Major, USAF
Detachment Comm.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Santa Maria Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1000 EST (0700 PST)

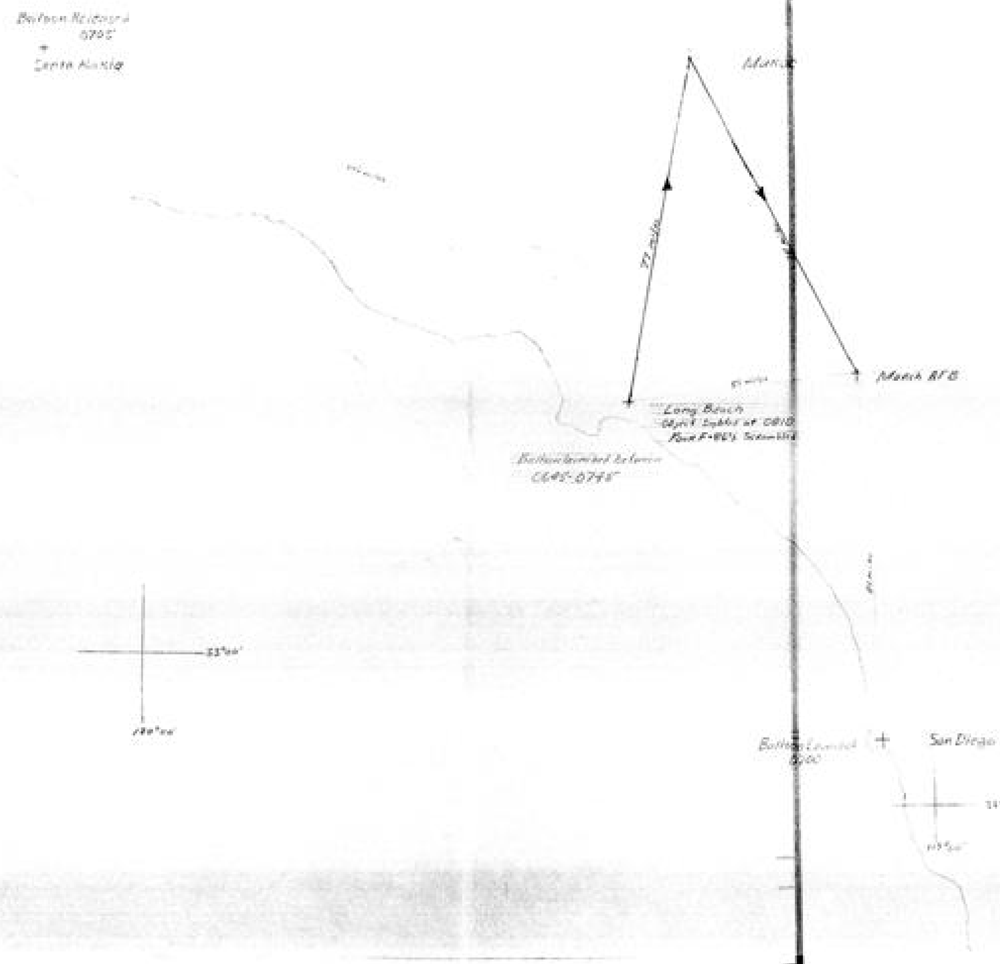
Surface	Calm
1,000'	100° - 2K
2,000'	130° - 2K
2,500'	200° - 3K
4,000'	340° - 6K
4,500'	340° - 7K
6,000'	340° - 7K
7,000'	340° - 7K
8,000'	330° - 4K
8,500	240° - 2K
10,000'	190° - 8K
12,000'	220° - 14K
14,000'	220° - 13K
16,000	230° - 6K
18,000	240° - 6K
20,000	230° - 6K
25,000	270° - 10K
30,000	270° - 5K
35,000	270° - 7K

Long Beach Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1000 EST

Surface	80° - 10K
1,000'	90° - 10K
4,000'	190° - 14K
4,500'	190° - 15K
6,000'	200° - 24K
6,500'	190° - 31K
8,000'	180° - 33K
8,500'	180° - 33K
10,000'	190° - 34K
12,000'	210° - 34K
14,000'	250° - 33K
16,000'	280° - 34K
18,000'	270° - 42K
20,000'	270° - 48K

Chanute Winds - 23 September 1951 - 1600 EST (1500 CST)

Surface	270° - 3K
1,000'	270° - 4K
2,000'	300° - 8K
2,500'	330° - 5K
4,000'	350° - 7K
4,500'	100° - 8K
6,000'	360° - 7K
6,500'	360° - 7K
8,000'	360° -11K
8,500'	360° -15K
10,000'	360° -17K
12,000'	360° -20K
14,000'	360° -22K
16,000'	360° -27K
18,000'	360° -34K
20,000'	360° -36K
25,000'	1° -45K
30,000'	1° -51K
35,000'	2° -74K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Long Beach
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120°00'
Balloon Landed
0900
San Diego
32°30'
117°00'

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C-1 [redacted] ROUTINE

TO CG AMC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO

Info to ATI

CITE 27 ADDI 1318.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF ADC LETTER 200-1, DTD 11 APRIL 1951, THE FOLG INFO ON UNCONVENTIONAL UNIDENTIFIED HIGH ALTITUDE ACFT IS REPORTED. AT 1610Z, 23 SEP 1951, AN OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AND REPORTED OVER L BEACH CALIF, AT 50,000 FT. 4 F-86 WERE DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE AND SIGHTED OBJECT OVER MUROC CALIF. ATTAINING AN ALTITUDE OF 43,000 FT, F-86 SIGHTED OBJECT TO BE IN A CONSTANT ORBIT IN THE VICINITY OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AT AN ALTITUDE BETWEEN 50,000 AND 55,000 FT. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A SWEPT-WING, FIGHTER-TYPE ACFT. WRITTEN REPT TO FOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 5A (2) OF ABOVE CITED ADC LETTER

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Col Willis called and left the following message:

"We have a cable from Maywood Calif., No. 85128, concerning a sighting at Oakland, Calif. on 23 September 1951." You are to be at the teleconference this afternoon between ATICand Capabilities Branch with enough information concerning this sighting on 23 September 1951. If possible, have the evaluation of it.

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AT-7807

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FROM: (Originator)
CO, ATIC

TO:
Commanding General
Edwards Air Force Base
Muroc, California

INFO:

PRECEDENCE FOR ACTION: Routine

☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☐ GENERAL MESSAGE
☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS ☒ YES ☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE
Cite 27 ADDI 1318 [redacted]

Following teletype message from 27th Air Division, Norton AFB, California, is quoted in part in reference: At 1610Z, 23 Sep 1951, an object was sighted and reported over Long Beach California, at 50,000 ft. Four F-86 were dispatched to investigate and sighted object over Muroc, California. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft, F-86 sighted object to be in a constant orbit in the vicinity of March Air Force Base at an altitude between 50,000 and 55,000 ft. Object appeared to be a swept-wing, fighter-type aircraft. Advise by teletype concerning any aircraft in the vicinity of Muroc from 1400 to 1700Z, 23 Sep 51 which corresponds to quoted sighting. Cite ATIAA-2a Grudge.

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DRAFTER'S NAME
Lt. Jerry W. Cummings

SYMBOL: ATIAA-2a
TELEPHONE: 65376

OFFICIAL TITLE: NORMAN S. STURGIS, Capt, USAF
Air Adjutant General

DD FORM 1 OCT 49 173

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TO AMC WPAFB OHIO

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REUR AT-7807. THERE WERE NO RPT NO ACFT FLYING TO OR FROM EDWARDS AFB DURING THE HOURS FROM 1400 TO 1700Z, 23 SEP 51. NO RPT NO ACFT FROM THIS BASE WERE AIRBORNE DURING THAT PERIOD AND THERE WERE NO RPT NO ACFT OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF THIS BASE BY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS STATION.

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CO, ATIC 241730Z Oct 51

Routine

Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California
RADNOTE

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ATIAA-2e

81800Z Oct 51 [redacted]

AFOIN-ATIAA-10-15E. Please advise when information can be made available to this Center, in regard to our previous teletype 81800Z Oct 51, citing 27 ADDI 1318. In reply cite AFOIN-ATIAA-2 GRUDGE.

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MURRAH S. STURGIS, Captain, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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CO, ATIC

81800Z Oct 51

Priority

Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

Cite 27 ADDI 1318 [redacted]

Request you contact OSI District Office Number 18 at Maywood, California, for complete field investigation to compliment information in cited teletype. It is desired that OSI, in addition to their ordinary procedure, check the possibility of experimental aircraft originating from any of the California airframe manufacturers. We have eliminated experimental aircraft from Muroc AFB. In reply cite ATIAA-2 GRUDGE.

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CO, ATIC

171600Z Oct 51

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Commanding Officer
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

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AFOIN-ATIAA-10-10. Reference your teletype 16/2143Z Oct 51 JWPWT. Teletype Number 17, Cite 27 ADDI 1318, classified Confidential.

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STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION
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FROM: DO 18TH OSI MAYWOOD CALIF

TO : CSAF WASH DC ATTN OSI

NR : 18D OSI 26 Oct 51

This dist in receipt of req from CG 27 Air Div Norton AFB San Bernardino Calif requesting investigation concerning the sighting of an object over Long Beach Calif on 23 Sept 51. Req made by letter received this office 25 Oct 51. At 0810 hours 23 Sept 51 an object was sighted over Long Beach at 50,000 ft. 4 F-86's were dispatched and sighted object over Muroc Calif. Attaining an altitude of 43,000 ft, F86's sighted object to be in constant orbit in vicinity of March AFB Calif at an altitude between 50-55,000 ft. Object appeared to be swept wing fighter type aircraft. Air Defense Command has requested we check possibility of experimental acft orginating from airframe manufacturers this area. They also suggested possibility of this object being a weather balloon which are released by 3 weather stations this area periodically. This district handling this inquiry on priority basis and we are contacting acft manufacturing concerns in Southern Calif to determine if object could have been experimental acft. Also checking possibility that object could have been weather balloon. This office would appreciate receiving advice your Hqs as to any policy which may have been established on the handling of matters such as this, other than the established policy concerning the handling of unconventional acft type cases.

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FM CG 27TH ADIV DIF NORTON AFB CALIF

TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

27ADDI 1973 PD

REF YOUR MSG AFOIN-ATIAA-12-15E CMA 18 DIST OSI ADVISE THAT CASE BEING HANDLED ON PP BS PD RPT W/B SUBMD THRU THIS HQ O/A 30 OCT 51

PD END

27/1800Z OCT 8PX

Col. Wilson here Monday

ITEM 8 AMC [redacted]

TT-272
31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 8
ATIAA/RUPPELT

ATTN COL WILLIS

ATIC HAS NO INFO ON SIGHTING AT OAKLAND CALIFORNIA ON 23 SEPT 1951. ONLY REPORT WE HAVE IS SIGHTING OVER MARCH AFB ON 23 SEPT. IN THIS INSTANCE F-86 ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT CLIMBED TO 43,000 FEET BUT OBJECT WAS AT AN ESTIMATED 50 TO 55,000 FEET. APPEARED TO BE SWEPT WING TYPE FIGHTER.

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END ITEM 8 MAC [redacted]/

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ITEM 9 AMC [redacted]/

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TT-272
31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 9
ATIAA/RUPPELT

FROM LT RUPPELT
TO ATTN COL WILLIS

REF: CSAF ITEM 13

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INFORMATION

ATIC IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION. EDWARDS AFB CONTACTED AND NO EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA. WEATHER BALLOONS ARE LAUNCHED AT 0700 PST BUT IS IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE BALLOON WOULD RISE TO 50,000 FEET IN 10 MINUTES. AS TIME OF SIGHTING WAS 0710 PST. THE TYPE OF BALLOON LAUNCHED RISES AT ABOUT 1,000 FEET PER MINUTE. ANY OTHER INFO DESIRED. ATIC IS STILL INVESTIGATING - 18TH DISTRICT OSI ADVISES THAT FULL REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ABOUT 30 OCT 1951.

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END ITEM 9 AMC /[redacted]/

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ITEM 10 AMC [redacted]

TT-272
31 Oct 51
AMC ITEM 10
ATIAA/RUPPELT

REF CSAF ITEM 4

IN REGARD TO POLICY, ATIC UNDERSTOOD THE POLICY WAS FOR ATIC TO CONTACT OSI DISTRICTS DIRECT AND REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION ON SIGHTINGS. ATIC DOES NOT CONTACT OSI ON ALL SIGHTINGS, ONLY THOSE THAT APPEAR TO BE IMPORTANT. WE REALIZE OSI HAS OTHER DUTIES. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE AND HELPFUL IN THE PAST

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END ITEM 10 AMC [redacted]

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CSAF ITEM 13/[redacted]/ [redacted]

TT-272
31 Oct 51
CSAF ITEM 13
ATIAA/RUPPELT

REFERENCE ATIC ITEM 8 THIS TT.

THESE SIGHTINGS APPEAR TO BE THE SAME. UNCLASSIFIED WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION? YOU WILL NOTE THAT COMPLETE CABLE FROM OSI WAS FORWARDED EARLIER IN THIS TT, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO ATIC REFERENCED ITEM.

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TO CG ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO
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REF LTR THIS HQ 27ADDI 360 PD 1 CMA DTD 21 DEC 51 PD IN REPLY TO PAR ONE EASY OF CITED LTR CMA MARCH AFB SBMD NEG REPT PD

29/0130Z

No Balloons launched from March AFB

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31 Oct 51
CSAF ITEM 4
ATIAA/RUPPELT

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CSAF ITEM 4/[redacted]

ATTN: RUPPELT FM AFOIN-V/TC WILLIS

THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION:

"FROM DO 18TH OSI MAYWOOD CALIF. THIS DIST IN RECEIPT OF REQ FROM CG 27 AIR DIV NORTON AFB SAN BERNARDINO CALIFORNIA REQUESTING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN OBJECT OVER LONG BEACH CALIF ON 23 SEPT 51. REQ MADE BY LETTER RECEIVED THIS OFFICE 25 OCT 51. AT 0810 HOURS 23 SEPT 51 AN OBJECT WAS SIGHTED OVER LONG BEACH AT 50,000 FT. 4 F-86'S WERE DISPATCHED AND SIGHTED OBJECT OVER MUROC CALIF. ATTAINING AN ALTITUDE OF 43,000 FT, F86'S SIGHTED OBJECT TO BE IN CONSTANT ORBIT IN VICINITY OF MARCH AFB CALIF AT AN ALTITUDE BETWEEN 50-55,000 FT. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SWEPT WING FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT. AIR DEFENSE COMMAND HAS REQUESTED WE CHECK POSSIBILITY OF EXPERIMENTAL ACFT ORGINATING FROM AIRFRAME MANUFACTURERS THIS AREA. THEY ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF THIS OBJECT BEING A WEATHER BALLOON WHICH ARE RELEASED BY 3 WEATHER STATIONS THIS AREA PERIODICALLY. THIS DISTRICT HANDLING THIS INQUIRY ON

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PRIORITY BASIS AND WE ARE CONTACTING ACFT MANUFACTURING CONCERNS IN SOUTHERN CALIF TO DETERMINE IF OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTAL ACFT. ALSO CHECKING POSSIBILITY THAT OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN WEATHER BALLOON. THIS OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ADVISE YOUR HQS AS TO ANY POLICY WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THE HANDLING OF MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, OTHER THAN THE ESTABLISHED POLICY CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF UNCONVENTIONAL ACFT TYPE CASES."

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TO CO ATIC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO

Info to ATI

CITE 27 ABBI 2047.

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18 DIST OSI ADVISE THAT UNCONVENTIONAL ACFT POSSIBLY WEA BLN,
REPT OF INVESN FOLS VIA A/M

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24 November 1951
Southern Michigan

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
24 November 1951

2. LOCATION
Michigan

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 24/2325Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☑ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military & Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
S of W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
SEE CASE FILE.

11. COMMENTS
METEOR OBSERVATION.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☒ Was Astronomical METEOR
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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Appendix VIII

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN - 24 November 1951

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Coopersville	1825 E	Round	Bluish White	None	SW	30-40	Airline Crew (Airborne)

II. WEATHER

CAVU and exceptionally clear at all points of observation.

III. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The possibility of jet aircraft in the area, unidentified radar returns, and known meteoric or aurora phenomenon were checked with negative results. From the reports, it is reasonable to assume that all the observers sighted the same object. There is a time span of five minutes between various sightings but this could be due to errors in the watches of the observers. Assuming that the tower clock would be the most accurate, the time would be 1824 EST. From the estimates of

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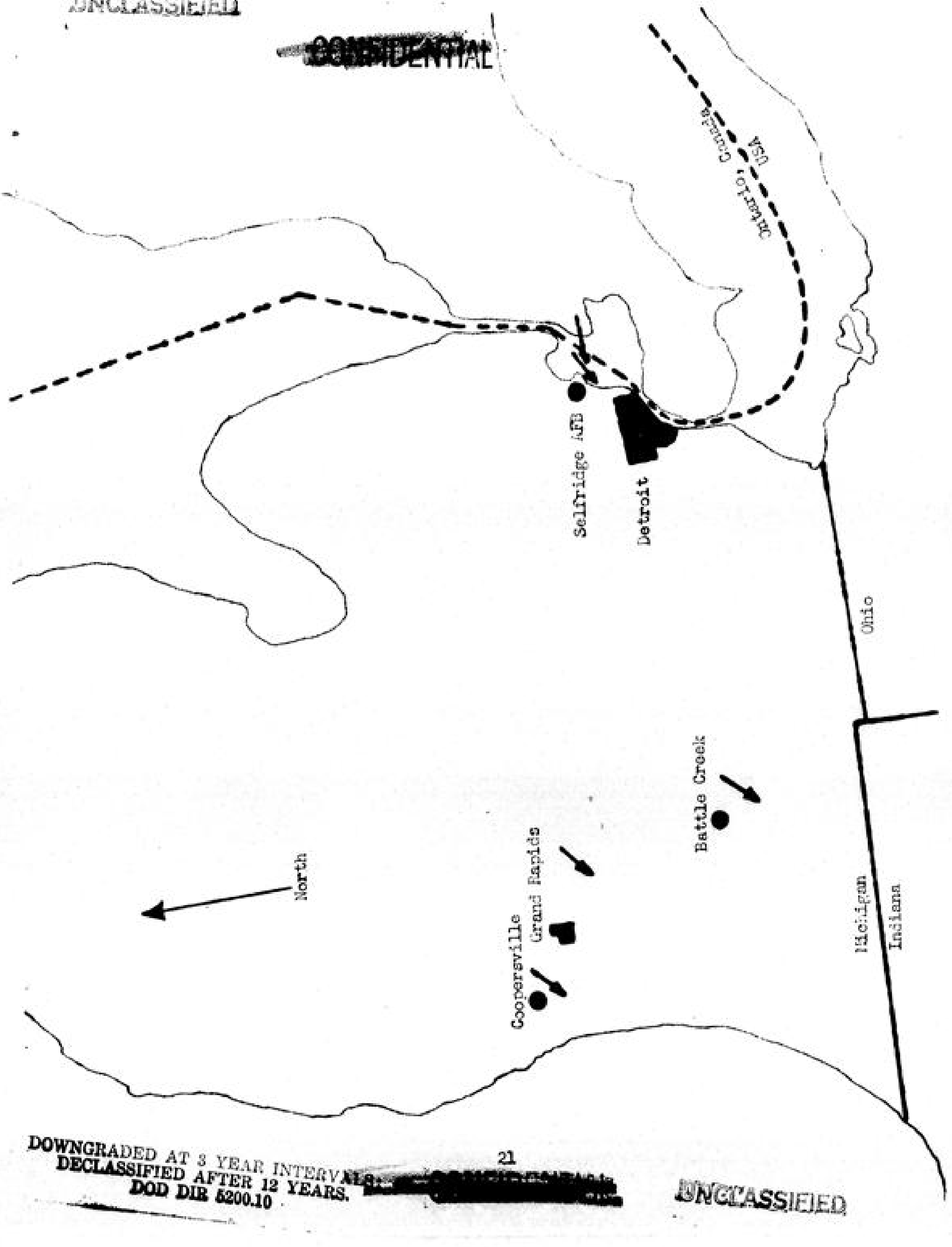
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On the night of November 24, 1951, there was a similar incident, with multiple sightings. It started when a CAA tower in southern Michigan told the Air Force Flight Service that an airline crew had seen a huge object with bluish-white flames going southwest at an extremely high speed. At about the same time, other reports flooded in from Air Force personnel at Selfridge AFB, north of Detroit, from a soldier on leave at Battle Creek, from another CAA tower, from some sheriff's deputies. All reported the same sort of object going the same direction. Most of them described it as rocket-shaped. One, an experienced pilot, was certain it was a V-2 type missile. All these observers—at scattered points—reported the thing "about four miles east." It turned out to be a very large meteor passing over the New England states; we verified it with experienced meteor observers and the time checked to the dot. I talked to a number of the witnesses later and they remained firm in their belief that they had seen a Something.

a later period six additional objects were noted. No vapor trails, exhaust, or sound was noted. This case is carried in the FTD files as being due to balloons, but aircraft seems a much more likely solution in view of the reported speed and maneuvers.

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(aircraft and Warnings Station in Michigan on July 2[illegible])
or rather in the area of (northern Michigan on Nov.2[illegible],195[illegible])
the foreign sightings [illegible]
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sighting Feb.11,195[illegible]) I would like [illegible]
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Your's truly,
[illegible]
944 Emily Street
Saginaw, Michigan

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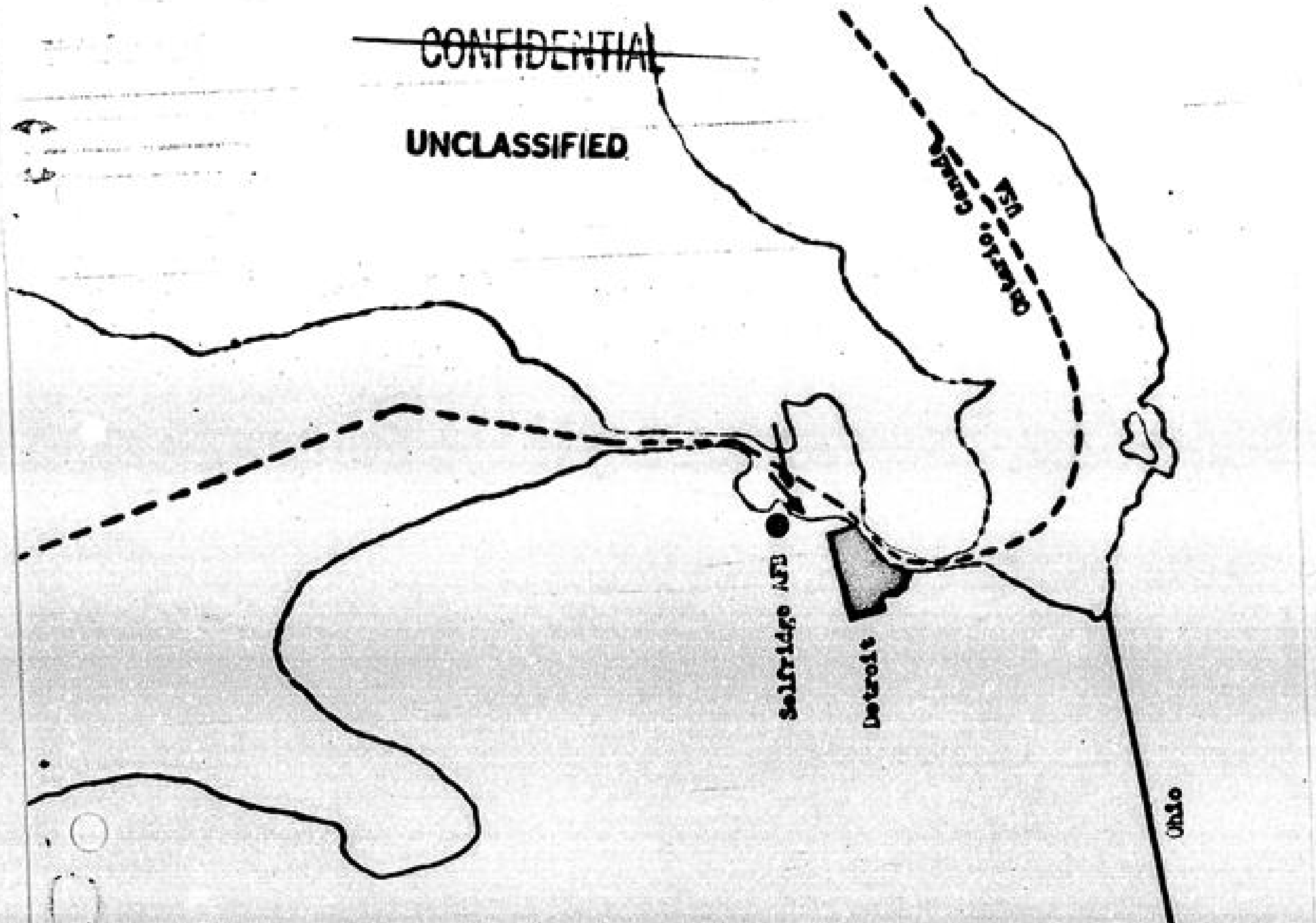
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COMPLIANCE WITH ADC LRT 200-1 FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIED AIRBOURNE OBJECT SIGHTED AS FOLLOWS: BY 2 AMN AT SELFRIDGE AFB AT 242320Z, A LARGE OBLONG OBJECT, BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT, REAL EXTREME END. NO NOISE. MOVING TO WEST AT RAPID SPEED. BY PILOT CAPITOL AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER 94 AT 1900 FT. SAME DESCRIBED OBJECT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH COURSE TO SOUTHWEST. ESTIMATED SPEED 1000 MPH, ALT 500 TO 1000, TIME 242334Z. BY TOWER OPR AT KENT COUNTY APRT AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH SAME DESCRIPTION OBJECT MOVING TO SOUTH WEST AT LOW ALTITUDE AT RAPID SPEED. WEATHER AT SELFRIDGE CAVU TEMPERATURE 26 DEGREES, AT GRAND RAPIDS CAVU 23 DEGREES. NO INTCP ACTION. REQUIRED AF FORM 112 AMPLOFYING WILL BE SUBMITTED BY ADIV 30

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FOLG REPT OF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT SUBMITTED IAW WITH ACDL 200-1. PARA: 6 OBSRS REPT SIGHTING AN UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT FR 4 DIFFERENT PNTS IN LOWER MICHIGAN, OBSRS, PNTS OF OBSERVATION AND TIMES OF OBSERVATION: 2 AMN ON SELFRIDGE AFB AT 242320Z, 1 AMN 1 MILE EAST OF BATTLE CREEK MICH AT 242325Z, 2 EXPERIENCED TOWER OPRS VT KENT COUNTY AIRPORT AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH AT 242333Z, CAPITOL AIRLINES PLT OVER COOPERSVILLE, MICH AT 242335Z, INTERROGATION OF ALL OBSRS IS INCOMPLETE AT THIS TIME HOWEVER FOLG PATTERN APPEARS TO EXIST, IN ALL CASES OBJECT APPEARED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUANDRANT ON A WESTERLY OR SOUTH WESTERLY COURSE PARALLEL TO THE GRD AT SPEED ESTS VARYING ,

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FR 600 MPH TO 1,000 MPH, OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AT FOOTBALL SHAPED, ROUND, AND BULLET SHAPED, COLR: BLUISH WHITE, WHITE AND BLUISH ORANGE, ALTITUDE WAS ESTD FR 800 FT TO 4,000 FT, 2 OBSRS REPTD AN ORANGE THIL OR EXHAUST, VISIBILITY AT ALL PNTS DESCRIBED AS UNLIMITED, OBJECT VANISHED IN SOUTH OR SOUTH WEST SKY WITHOUT CHANGE OF COURSE, OBSERVATIONS LASTED FR 2 TO 6 SECONDS, NO NOISE WAS HEARD, NO JET ACFT KNOWN TO BE OPNL IN AREA AT TIME, CHECK INDICATES NO KNOWN EXPERIMENTAL BALLONS WERE IN AREA, MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY OBSERVATORY REPTS NO AURORA BOREALIS VISIBLE OR METOROTIC ACTIVITY OBSRMH, NO ELECTRONIC OBSERVATIONS WERE NOTED BY RADAR STAS IN RANGE, DATA ON OBSRS AS FOLS: CPL ARTHUR R CHAPMAN, PFC MELVIN R MERDELL, 660 AC AND W SQ, SELFRIDGE AFB, PVT JAMES YOUNG, ENGRG SECT, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFO, MR EUGENE SMITH AND MR WALTER SYRYLO TOWEAD OPRS KENT COUNTY AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH, MR HARRY SCHRADER, CAL PLT CHICAGO, ILL, PHONE NR GLENVIEW [redacted], 43526 MR SCHRADER REPTS HAVING SEEN SECOND UNUSUAL OBJECT ON FLT 26 NOV 51 NEAR MILWAUKEE, DETAILS NOT AVAL THIS TIME, FULL REPT OF THIS OCCURANCE AND AF FORM 112 REPT WILL FOL

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Received by telephone call from Col Eriksen, AFOIN, 1700 hours, 26 Nov.

RECEIVED AT COMMAND POST

24 NOVEMBER 2320Z

24TH NOVEMBER AT SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE TWO MEN REPORTED SIGHTING A LARGE OBLONG BRIGHTLY LIGHTED OBJECT MOVING AT RAPID RATE OF SPEED WITH NO NOISE. CAPITAL AIR LINE PILOT WHO IS A SENIOR CAPTAIN ON AIR LINE SIGHTED SIMILAR OBJECT OVER COOPERVILLE, MICHIGAN. ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 1,000 to 1,500 FEET. ESTIMATED SPEED 1,000 MILES PER HOUR. ALTITUDE OF CAPITAL AIR LINE AIRCRAFT 1,900 FEET. AT 2330Z, TOWER OPERATOR AT KENT CITY AIRPORT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH, REPORTED SIMILAR OBJECT. CAA DETACHMENT AT BATTLE CREEK RECEIVED A REPORT FROM PVT JAMES YOUNG FROM WPAFB WHO REPORTED SEEING IN VICINITY BATTLE CREEK MICH AT 0221Z CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT WITH FAINT GLOW AT TAIL MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 4,000 FEET. SELFRIDGE RADAR AT 2320Z CEASED OPERATION AND ANTENNA MOVING OPPOSITE DIRECTION. ADC CHECKED VARIOUS STATIONS AND NO FLIGHT PLAN REPORTED THAT CAN CORRESPOND. WEATHER CAVU AT TIME OF SIGHTING. THE COMMAND POST DUTY OFFICER QUERIED COL ROMIG, COMMAND MILITARY MAN IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO OFFER.

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Received from Command Post at 2220Z.

24 November at 2320Z, 24 November at Selfridge Air Force Base two men reported sighting large oblong brightly lighted object moving at rapid rate of speed with no noise. One minute later flight 94, Capitol Airlines pilot, who is a Senior Captain on airlines, sighted similar object over Coopersville, Michigan. Altitude estimated 1,000 to 1,500 feet, estimated speed ~~sp~~ 1,000 miles per hour. Altitude of Capitol Airlines aircraft, 1,900 feet.

Rad. echoes

2321 Z

2334Z →

700–900 going SW.

At 2330Z, tower operator at Kent City Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported similar object. CAA detachment at Battle Creek received a report from Pvt. James Young from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base who reported seeing in vicinity Battle Creek, Michigan, ~~at 0221Z~~ a cigar shaped large object with faint glow at tail moving from North to South at estimated altitude of 4,000 feet. Selfridge radar at 2320Z ceased operation and the antenna revolved in opposite direction. ADC checked various stations and no flight plan reported that could correspond. Weather cavu at time of sightings. The Command Post duty officer queried Col Romig, guided missiles man in Research and Development and he had no information to offer.

No time →

over 400 mph

Info transmitted (Telephoned) to ATIC - Col Dunn at 1710 - 26 Nov 51 - Early evaluation requested —

Flt. of 86's at that time. from Selfridge

No intercept attempted

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INT 33913. IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADCL 200-1 FOLG SUBMITTED. PVT JAMES YOUNGS, PATTERSON AFB, ENGINEERING SECTION, WHILE IN VICINITY OF BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, SIVHTED A LONG, WHITE, CIGAR SHAPED OBJECT WITH RED NO TRAIL MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. ESTIMATED ALT 4000 FT. ESTIMATED SPEED OVER 400 MPH. TIME 250221Z. NO ADDITIONAL REPORTS RECEIVED.T REQUIRED AF FORM 112 AMPLIFYING WILL BE SUBMITTED BY AIR DIVISION 30.

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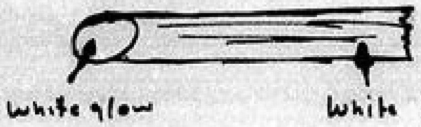
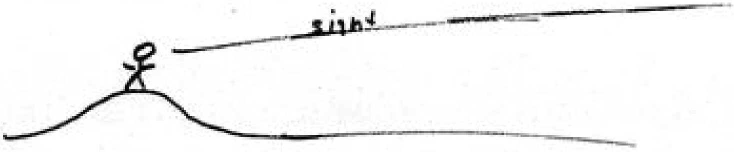
PVT JAMES YOUNG

INCIDENT NO.__________

1. Date of Observation: 24 Nov 51 Date of Interview: 3 Dec 51
2. Exact Time (local) 6:25 23:25Z
3. Place of Observation: one mile east of Battle Creek, Michigan
4. Position of Observer: Ground
5. What attracted attention to object: glowing object
6. Number of objects: One
7. Apparent size: fighter plane
8. Color of object: Nose had a white glow, rest of object white but not as bright as nose.
9. Shape: matchstick
10. Altitude: 4,000 ft
11. Direction from observer: East
12. Distance from observer: approximately 40 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s): South or South southeast
14. Time of sight: 6 seconds
15. Speed: over 400 mph
16. Sound and odor: none
17. Trail: white
18. Luminosity: white glow at nose
19. Projections: none
20. Maneuvers: none
21. Manner of disappearance: as if light was turned off
22. Additional information concerning object:

The observer stated that the object disappeared from sight when it was in line of sight with the beacon light at Brooks Field, which is approximately 10 miles from the point of observation. He could [redacted] give no definite estimate as to the object's size, speed or altitude.





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Interrogation of Capital Airlines Pilot
24 November 1951 Incident

Mr. Larry Shroeder, 301 Lincoln Street, Glenview, Illinois, Phone Glenview 43526, was interrogated by Lt E. J. Ruppelt on Sunday, 9 November 1951.

Mr. Shroeder was Captain on Capital Airlines Flight #94 on 24 November 1951. His co-pilot was Burlingame (first name unknown). The flight was en-route to Grand Rapids, Michigan, from Muskegon, Michigan.

At approximately 1835 EST (2325 Z) both pilots of the DC-3 noticed an object appear in the NE and cross there course to the SW. The object seemed to be at their altitude, which was 1900 ft., and appeared to be between them and Grand Rapids, Michigan. They were over Coopersville, Michigan, at the time of sighting.

The object appeared to be 12 inches in diameter, round, "dullish blue" light source with no tail, or trail, and was comparatively bright. The trajectory was flat, if it arched it was so little that it could not be detected. The object was viewed for 4 - 5 seconds until it disappeared in the distance. The source could not judge the horizontal angle the object passed through. Its appearance was noted due to its brightness. It was not noticed approaching from a great distance, but was noticed disappearing. The speed was judged to be "terrific", it was estimated at 1000 mph, but this was only a rough guess.

On landing at Grand Rapids, the pilot heard that the tower operators had also seen the object. He was interrogated over the phone by Air Defense people from Selfridge. He also heard that the tower had intercepted a message from a "net", (he could not give any more details on what net) saying that a radar site, whose location was classified, had picked up an unidentified return 20 miles east of the station and he assumed that this was what they were asking him about over the phone. (Comment: This radar pick-up has never been heard of before and will be checked.)

Mr. Schroeder noted that while he and the co-pilot judged the object to have passed west of Grand Rapids, tower operators in Grand Rapids stated that it had been east of their location.

He noted that the night was very clear except for the usual slight haze, always found near Grand Rapids.

COMMENT: All during the conversation, it was apparent that Mr. Schroeder did not believe this was a meteor. He mentioned the possibility of an AF guided missile. It is apparent that if this is a meteor, it has no characteristics of a normal meteor. He stated that he had seen all kinds of meteors and had never seen anything like this before.

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AFOIN-V/TC
Lt.Col. Hundt/ro/55.94
Artn 28 Nov 51

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

PROBLEM

1. To advise the Director of Intelligence regarding sightings of an unusual flying object (s) at various points in Michigan on 24 Nov 51.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

2. Hq USAF Command Post received a notification on 24 Nov 51, that two men at Selfridge AFB had sighted, at 2320Z to 2325Z, a large oblong and brilliantly lighted object moving at a rapid rate of speed with no apparent audible sound. Object was reported as having a red exhaust.

3. At 2334Z, a senior captain pilot on Capital Airline flight 94 sighted a similar object over Coopersville, Michigan. The airliner was traveling at an altitude of 1900 feet at the time of sighting. The object's altitude was estimated to be between 500 and 1000 feet, speed estimated as 1000 miles per hour, and proceeding in a southwesterly direction.

4. At 2330Z, the tower operator at Kent City Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported sighting a similar object. No additional information was available from this source.

5. The CAA detachment at Battle Creek also received a report, with no time indicated, from a Private James Young of Wright-Patterson AFB, who reported seeing, in the vicinity of Battle Creek, Michigan, a cigar shaped large object with a faint tail glow moving from a north to south direction at an estimated altitude of four thousand feet, speed estimated to be over 400 miles per hour.

6. For an unexplained reason, Selfridge AFB radar ceased operation at 2320Z on 24 Nov 51.

7. Upon further checking with Hq USAF Command Post and with ADC on 27 Nov 51, it was learned that a flight of F-86's (number unknown) operating from Selfridge AFB was in the air in the vicinity of Coopersville, Michigan, at the time of the Capital Airline's sighting mentioned in paragraph 3 above.

8. This entire incident has been brought to the attention of ATIC and an early report of evaluation has been requested from them.

9. Subject matter will not be included in the Daily Staff Digest.

CONCLUSIONS

10. None. For information only.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED

11. None. For information only.

COORDINATION

Col. John G Eriksen - AFOIN-V/TC - Ext. 62466
CAPT L L Black, USN - AFOIN-V - Ext. 55909
- AFOIN-A - Ext.

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CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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TO DUNN FROM AFOIN-V/TC ERIKSEN

REF UNUSUAL FLYING OBJECT IN MICHIGAN 24 NOV 51. REQUEST YOUR EVALUATION AND ANY COMMENTS SOONEST.

END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

27 Nov 51
CSAF ITEM 1
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ITEM 1 AMC /CONFIDENTIAL/ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
FROM LT E J RUPPELT ATIAA-2C
TO COL WILLIS AFOIN-V/TC

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AMC ITEM 1
Atiaa-2C/RUPPELT

SECURITY INFO
REFERENCE [redacted] 27 NOV 51, CSAF ITEM NR 1.
INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SEEN OVER SOUTHERN MICHIGAN ON 24 NOV 51 WAS PROBABLY A VERY LARGE METEOR OR FIRE BALL. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONCLUSION.

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4 Dec 51
AMC ITEM 7
ATIAA-2C/RUPPELT

FROM LT E J RUPPELT, [redacted]
TO AFOIN-V/TC ATTN: COL. ERIKSEN

SECURITY INFORMATION ATIC IS INVESTIGATING INCIDENT REFERENCED IN [redacted] 27 NOV 1951-CSAF ITEM1. A FINAL EVALUATION WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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TO: Commanding Officer
30th Air Division
Selfridge AFB, Michigan
RADNOTE

ATIAA-2c file

INFO: Eastern Air Defense Force
Stewart AFB, New York
Attn: Director of Intelligence
RADNOTE

Newspapers have requested information on an incident that supposedly took place in Michigan within the last six weeks. Details furnished by newspaper were, quote, F-86 attempted unsuccessfully to intercept a saucer shaped object and/or object shaped like B-36 fuselage, but object, which was below the altitude of the F-86, was too fast, unquote. Do you have any information on such an incident? This Center has none. Immediate reply requested.

In reply cite Project Grudge.

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Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

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KENNETH T. FINCH, Capt, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant General

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1125th FIELD ACTIVITIES GROUP
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
Dayton, Ohio

IN REPLY REFER TO:
AFOIN-ATIAA-2c

XXXXXXX Newspaper
Blank, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

It has been brought to the attention of the Air Force that several persons in southern Michigan reported sighting a meteor-like object on 24 November 1951 about 6:30 p.m.

The Air Force is interested in obtaining information in an attempt to plot the course of this object, if it was a single object, or determine if it was some phenomena similar to a meteorite shower. In order to assemble the information needed, your cooperation is requested by advising us as to whether or not any person in your area reported observing such an incident on the above mentioned date. If the object or objects were reported, approximately how many reports were received and did they follow a general pattern?

It is further requested that this inquiry be treated in a confidential manner until all facts are obtained and analyzed.

The Air Force would be very grateful for any information you could provide that would assist in this investigation.

FRANK L. DUNN
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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TO CG AMC WPAFB DAYTON OHIO ATTN DIR OF INTEL

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REFUR IN [redacted] QUOTE PROJECT GRUDGE UNQUOTE NO INFO THIS HQ. ADB CHECK OF ALL APROP UNITS THIS DATE NEG. BELIEVE QUOTE INIDENT UNUOTE IS OMPLLETELY ERR INTPN OF NEWSPATER REPT NOTED RECENTLY REGARDING INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN MSG THIS HQ INT [redacted]

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AF FORM 112—PART I
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COUNTRY: USA
REPORT NO. IR-62-51E
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Information on Unconventional Aircraft 1414

AREA REPORTED ON: Lower Michigan
FROM (Agency): 30th Air Division (Defense)
Selfridge AFB, Michigan

DATE OF REPORT: 4 December 1951
DATE OF INFORMATION: 24 November 1951
EVALUATION: F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer): 1st Lt. Robert K. Hall
SOURCE: Individuals as listed below

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): Confidential TWX this Hq., INT 9772 29/1430Z (EADF Ref. only); ADC Ltr. 200-1

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Six observers at five different points in the lower Michigan area report the sighting of an unusual flying object between 24/2320Z and 24/2325Z. The object in all cases was observed in the Southeast quadrant travelling at speeds as fast or faster than a jet aircraft in flight parallel to the earth in a southwesterly, west south westerly or westerly course. Altitude estimates of the object are not conclusive in any case but indicate object was below 2,000 feet in opinion of most observers. The object was described variously as round, football shaped, egg shaped and bullet shaped. Its color was variously described as extremely bright white, white, grayish white, and brilliant bluish white. Two observers report sighting an orange or red exhaust like light toward the rear of the object.

Weather at all points of observation was described as clear.

Check of radar stations in area indicates no record of electronic observation of object.

No known military aircraft were active over the area concerned.

No meteoric nor aurora activity was observed.

Observers:

Pfc. Melvin E. Merdell, 660th AC&W Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan.

Cpl. Arthur R. Chapman, 660th AC&W Squadron, Selfridge AFB, Michigan.

Pvt. James Younge, Engineering Section, Patterson AFB, Ohio, Ph. Kenmoore 7111 Ext. 55180.

Mr. Eugene Smith, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Ph. 3-0255, Home Ph. 73-9937.

Mr. Walter Syrylo, Grand Rapids, Michigan Ph. 3-0255.

Mr. Larry Schroeder, Capitol Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois, Ph. Glenview 4-3526.

Mr. Thomas Hatfield, Capitol Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois.

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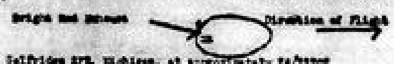
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	
30th Air Division (Defense) Selfridge AFB, Michigan	IR-62-52	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES

Following are the individual impressions of observers of an unusual flying object at the points and times indicated.

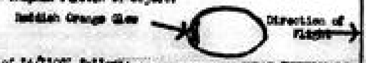
Selfridge AFB, Michigan, at approximately 24/2200Z

Pfc. Melvin E. Nerdell, accompanied by Cpl. Arthur L. Chapman (both are airmen assigned to the 660th AC&W Squadron, Selfridge AF Base) was about to enter a car at the rear of the Selfridge NCO Club when he noticed a white object in the "southeast" sky traveling in a west, southwesterly direction parallel to the ground at a speed "much faster than a jet." Although he observed the object for only 3 to 4 seconds, he believes it was egg-shaped and definitely had a bright red tail or exhaust toward the rear portion but not behind the object itself. Nerdell was unable to accurately estimate the object's proximity, but believes that it was within 2 or 3 miles and was between 500 and 1000 feet above the ground. The object disappeared behind trees and buildings directly south of him and never reappeared. Nerdell could make no estimate of the object's dimensions and heard no sound whatsoever. He states the weather was clear. Pfc. Nerdell has been in the Air Force for four years and has, on several occasions, observed jet aircraft at night. He believes this object was not a jet aircraft. Capt. John Knight, Nerdell's supervisor, states he believes Nerdell to be a sober reliable person. A copy of Nerdell's sketch of the object follows:



Selfridge AFB, Michigan, at approximately 24/2200Z

Cpl. Arthur L. Chapman, accompanied by Pfc. Melvin E. Nerdell, was about to enter a car at the rear of the Selfridge NCO Club when Nerdell called his attention to what Chapman describes as a grayish white object in the southeast sky traveling in a westerly direction. The object seemed to swoop slightly toward the ground although, generally, it followed a parallel flight over the ground at a speed "faster than a jet aircraft." Chapman observed the object for 2 to 3 seconds and describes it as "like an overblown football" and had a "very obvious" reddish orange glow on the aft end. Nerdell believes the object's proximity to be about one mile and below 1000 feet over the surface. He estimates its overall length to be about 20 feet. The object disappeared "behind base operations building" directly to the south of him and never reappeared. He stated the weather was clear. Cpl. Chapman has been in the Air Force two years and has, on occasion, observed jets, weather balloons, and beacon light beams on low clouds at night. He believes this object did not resemble any of the foregoing. Capt. John Knight, Chapman's supervisor, states that Chapman is a conscientious, reliable type. The interrogating officer concurs in this impression of Chapman. Following is a copy of Chapman's sketch of object:



Selfridge weather sequence of 24/2200Z follows:

WTC 010 ⊕12/21/12/0/041 - Selfridge AF Base

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Battle Creek, Michigan, at approximately 24/2200Z

Pvt. James Youngs (assigned to the Engineering Section, Patterson AF Base) while visiting one mile due east of Battle Creek, observed a white object in the

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southeast sky traveling in a southwesterly direction parallel with the earth at a speed "much faster than a jet." Youngs believes the object was 10 to 20 miles away and he estimates its altitude at 4000 feet. He observed the object for 3 to 5 seconds before it "vanished in the sky or over the horizon." He heard no sound and believes there was a slightly visible vapor trail evident for an instant. He describes its shape as slender and blunt-nosed "like a match." He estimates its length to be 3 or 4 times that of its width, but could make no estimate of its size. Youngs stated that the nose of the object was much brighter white than the body section. He describes the visibility as unlimited. Pvt. Youngs has been stationed at Patterson AFB since early in 1951 and has observed jet aircraft of several types in flight. Pvt. Youngs was interviewed over long distance telephone, but impressed the interrogating officer as well oriented and sincere. Weather sequence at Battle Creek, Michigan of 24/2200Z follows:

BTL 015/ 308/18/13/NW7/017 - Battle Creek

Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, Michigan, at 24/2214Z

Mr. Eugene Smith and Mr. Walter Byrylo, tower operators at Kent County Airport observed from the tower, a white object at a bearing of approximately 110° traveling in a southwesterly direction on a course parallel to the ground. Mr. Smith could not estimate the object's proximity, but stated the object was 2 to 3 degrees above the horizon, was vaguely round, noiseless, and traveled at least as fast as a jet. The object "vanished" at a point on a bearing of about 140° from point of observation and left no trail or visible exhaust. Mr. Smith observed the object for an estimated 4 to 5 seconds. Mr. Smith stated that he was unable to use field glasses because of the short duration of the observation, and could not estimate its size. Mr. Smith has been a radio tower operator since 1943 and has been on duty at Kent County Airport for four years. (Mr. Byrylo was not interrogated). Weather sequence of Grand Rapids of 24/2200Z follows:

GRR 012 ⊕12/18/1202E/040 - Grand Rapids

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Coopersville, Michigan, at 24/2215Z

Mr. Larry Schroeder, Capitol Airlines, Captain of Flight 84 from Muskegon to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on a heading of 120° at 1500 feet actual altitude over Coopersville, Michigan, observed at approximately a 120° bearing from him a brilliant, bluish white light, round in shape, and traveling at an "extremely high speed." Mr. Schroeder would make no further estimate of the object's speed, proximity, or size. The object was believed to be at about the same altitude as the DC-3 which Mr. Schroeder piloted, and traveled on a course parallel to the ground in a southwesterly direction. He observed the object for "possibly 5 seconds" before it vanished at a point bearing approximately 210° from him. Mr. Schroeder feels certain the object was not a reflection in his cockpit windshield because it passed from one flat glass pane, across the apex of the V-shaped joint, and disappeared while being viewed through the other flat glass surface on his right. Mr. Schroeder heard no sound and observed no exhaust or trail. He states that the weather was clear. He doesn't recall ever having observed a jet aircraft at night. He is a pilot of considerable experience having been flying with Capitol Airlines since he left service with the Air Force at the end of World War II. During the war he piloted a B-17 in the 97th Bombardment Group in Africa. He was cooperative throughout the interview which was conducted during the interval between arrival and departure of his Capitol Airline plane at Willow Run Airport. He impressed the interrogating officer as a sincere,

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stable person. Mr. Schroeder's copilot was not interrogated although he also observed the object. Weather sequence of Grand Rapids, Michigan, of 24/[illegible] follows:

GRR [illegible] - Grand Rapids

Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois, at [illegible]

Mr. Thomas Hatfield, Capital Airline's pilot, was returning to his home several blocks north of the airport when he noticed a whitish orange colored object or light approaching the airport from the East. The object was estimated to be about 2000 feet over the ground and moving in a southwesterly direction at a speed "faster than a jet." Mr. Hatfield was unable to observe the object carefully as he was at that moment turning a corner in his automobile. He could make no estimate of the size or shape of the object, but believes the orange color resembled exhaust flames. His first impression was that it was a very fast moving aircraft with landing lights on, however, the simultaneous appearance of an airliner with landing lights on appeared so much dimmer and slower that he discarded this opinion. Mr. Hatfield was unable to observe the disappearance of the object because of the necessity in giving attention to his driving. Mr. Hatfield made it clear that he is not certain as to the accuracy of the stated time of [illegible] since he does not remember whether or not his watch was set for eastern or central time. He believes, however, the stated time is more probably correct. Weather sequence at Chicago, 24/[illegible] follows:

CHI [illegible]

General:

Check of 30th Air Division radar stations having radar coverage of the areas, indicate no record of electronic observation of the object.

Check with Military Flight Service indicates no known jet aircraft activity in the areas concerned. Three F-86 aircraft out of O'Hare Field, Chicago, were under Air Defense Direction Center control from 24/[illegible] to 25/[illegible] in the Chicago area and were alerted to watch for an unusual flying object, but gave a negative report upon landing at [illegible].

Check with Air Force installation at Minneapolis, Minnesota, indicates General Foods Corporation there released only one experimental balloon on 24 November which landed at 24/[illegible].

Check with Michigan University Observatory at Ann Arbor, Michigan, indicates no meteors were observed during the period in question nor was aurora phenomena visible although the northern sky was reported as bright.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

SUBJECT: Project Grudge Proposed Investigation		
TO: ATI	FROM: ATIAA-2c	COMMENT NO. 1 Lt. Ruppelt/peg 51261/Bldg 263D/F 59

1. Reference is made to a Project Grudge incident in southern Michigan on 24 November 1951 at which time an airline pilot, tower operators, and several airmen sighted an unidentified object in widely separated locations.

2. In an attempt to obtain a more complete coverage of other possible sightings, it is proposed that the inclosed letter be sent to approximately twelve (12) newspapers in southern Michigan.

3. Since this entails corresponding with newspapers about a subject that could possibly cause some inquiry from the newspapers, it is requested that sending of the letters and the content of the letters be concurred upon.

4. The PIO of AMC will also be requested to concur on this proposal.

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Sample letter

KENT PARROT, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aircraft & Propulsion Section
Technical Analysis Division

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THRU: [illegible]
TO: ATIAA-2c

FROM: ATI

DATE: 21 Dec 51

COMMENT NO. 2
Lt Col Taylor/lm
59210/Bldg 263/2d Fl

Because of other plans for obtaining better information concerning Project Grudge incidents, it is considered inadvisable to attempt the suggestion contained in Comment No. 1 ~~after~~ at the present time.

Lt Col USAF

for FRANK L. DUNN, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center

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FORM FOR TELECONFERENCE

DATE: 27 December 1951

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FROM: Lt E. J. Ruppelt, ATIAA-2c (Name & Symbol) TO: Col Willis, AFOIN-V/TC (Name & Symbol)

MESSAGE:

Reference TT-291, 27 Nov 51, CSAF Item #1. Investigations show that the unidentified object seen over southern Michigan on 24 Nov 51 was probably a very large meteor or fire ball. Investigation is continuing to further substantiate this conclusion.

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Yuma City, Arizona 4 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1350 MST a meteorological aid for the U.S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather balloon with the aid of a theodolite when he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3°. The size of the object consisted of one minute of arc.

The object appeared to be ascending straight up, then levelled off and at this point was joined by a second object of exactly the same description. The second object left the field of the theodolite twice but returned each time to join the original. They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1°. At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25,000 ft.

The objects remained in vision for five minutes. The observer stated that the objects rose more rapidly than any balloon he has ever seen and furthermore moved against the prevailing westerly winds. There appeared to be no glimmer or reflection from the sun from the objects.

II. Discussion of Incident

From the observers obvious experience in tracking balloons, it is concluded that these objects could not have been balloons especially since they were seen to move against the wind. There were aircraft in the area but the observer states he was aware of them and could not have confused them with the unknown objects. Because of the maneuvers and the time of day, astronomical activity must be ruled out. ATIC has not been able to find an answer to this sighting.

III. Conclusion

Unknown.

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP
4 Feb 53 4/2050Z

2. LOCATION
Yuma City, Ariz.

3. SOURCE
Weather Bureau Pers.

10. CONCLUSION
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Unidentified

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
Two

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 Min.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
A civilian weather observer while using a theodolite to find his lost balloon sighted two solid white oblong objs. Source states that objs moved too fast to be balloons. There were jet a/c in the vicinity.

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Ground-Visual
(Theodolite)

7. COURSE

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

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1) 2 SOLID, PURE WHITE, ELIPTICAL OBJ SIGHTED. OBJ NO 2 CROSSED OVER AND ABOVE OBJ NO 1 SEVERAL TIMES. THEY TVL IN FORMATION, OBJ NO 2 LOW AND BEHIND. SMALL SOLID WHITE OBJ APPEARED TO BE COVERED WITH A THIN WHITE MIST AROUND EDGES.

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING 13:50 MST REMAINING IN VISION UNTIL 13:55 MST.

(3) OBJS SIGHTED THROUGH THEODOLITE CAA WEA STA.

(4) OBSR S SIDE OF TERMINAL BLDG, YUMA COUNTY APRT. ELEVATION 199 FT, LAT 32 DEGREES 40 MIN N, LONG 114 DEGREES 36 MIN W. OBJ SIGHTED AT

157.2 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 204.1 DEGREES. ELEVATION: SIGHTED AT 53.3 DEGREES DISAPPEARED AT 29.1 DEGREES.

(5) NO WITNESS - STANLEY M. BROWN (OBSR) IS MET AID 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE PVT PLT.

(6) WEA - CLEAR SKY - CIRRUS CLOUDS AT APPROX 25000 FT IN DIR OBJ LOST. SW.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) CALLED 4750TH ABG (WPNS TNG) THEN REPT TO SCTY CON, LOS ANGELES AIR TRAFFIC CON.

(10) JET ACFT IN VICINITY, OBSR WAS AWARE OF THEM.

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified flying objects		
AREA REPORTED ON Yuma, Arizona	FROM (Agency) 4750th ABG, Yuma County Airport, Aris.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 February 1953	EVALUATION Fairly reliable
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Gaylord G. Duren	SOURCE Personal interview	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II)

On 4 February 1953, Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 403 22nd Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, a meteorological aid for U. S. Weather Bureau was searching for a lost weather ballon with the aid of a theodite. At 1350 MST he sighted a solid white, oblong object at a direction of 157.2° and elevation of 53.3°.

The object was a solid white ~~olong~~, oblong in shape and appeared to be covered by a small thin, white mist. The size of the object was 1 minute of arc.

It appeared as ascending straight up then leveled out in a long sweep at an elevation of 53.3°. Some 20 seconds later this object was joined by a second object, exactly the same as the first in size, color and shape. Object No 2 appeared from the left below and crossed No 1 to a position above. It then crossed No 1 again to a position below. This was done several times. In doing so, No 2 left the field of theodolite twice but re-entered and remained behind and slightly below object No 1. The changes in direction of object No 2 were smooth sweeping turns. As the objects moved rapidly across the horizon, they remained the same relative size.

They both disappeared simultaneously at an angle of 204.1° at an elevation of 29.1°. At 204.1° the sky was covered by cirrus clouds at approximately 25000 ft.

The clouds obscured the objects and they were immediately lost from sight.

At the time of original sighting there was a clear sky background. The objects were lost momentarily when they passed near the sun. They reappeared on the edge of the sun.

The objects remained in vision for approximately 5 minutes.

Coordinates of the theodolite are lat. 32° 40 minutes N and long. 114° 36 minutes W.

Mr. Brown was looking for his lost weather ballon with the aid of the theodolite at a 6000 foot level when the objects were first sighted. He did not find his ballon. He was standing at an elevation of 199 feet on the south side of the Yuma County Airport terminal building. Mr. Brown states that the objects moved much more rapidly than any ballon he has ever sighted in his 10 years experience as meteorological aid. The objects moved against the winds aloft which were from the west. Surface wind was from the north at 5 K.

Mr. Brown feels strongly that he actually saw a solid object other than any known aircraft. There was no glimmer or reflection from the sun. There are no other witnesses.

Mr. Brown called the 4750th Air Base Group at Yuma County Airport and then reported it to Security Control at Los Angeles Air Traffic Control.

Mr. Brown was aware that there were aircraft in the area but they were not in the immediate area of vision.

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T.C. Breckenridge
Capt ATIA
16 Feb 53

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In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAE-5

FEB 1953

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighting

TO: Commanding Officer
Yuma County Municipal Airport
ATTN: 4750th Air Base Gp
Yuma, Arizona

1. In reference to an Unidentified Flying Object sighting by Mr. Stanley H. Brown, 5 Feb 53 at 1350MST, the Air Technical Intelligence Center requests that you ask Mr. Brown to complete the inclosed United States Air Force Technical Information Sheet and forward it to this Center.

2. Please advise Mr. Brown that such information is greatly appreciated by the Air Technical Intelligence Center in its analysis of sightings such as his. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

1 Incl
a/s

ROBERT C. BROWN
Major, USAF
Air Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS
4750TH AIR BASE GROUP, WEAPONS TRAINING
YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT
Yuma, Arizona

1 Witness

04/1350
Yuma City, Arizona

27 February 1953

SUBJECT: USAF Technical Information Sheet

TO: Commanding General
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

ATTN: Air Technical Intelligence Center

In reference to your letter of 17 February 1953, AFOIN-ATIAE-5, we have inclosed herewith the completed USAF Technical Information Sheet as requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

William A. Ham
WILLIAM A. HAM
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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USAF Tech Info Sheet

Form A

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?
4 (Day) FEB. (Month) 1953 (Year)

2. Time of day: 1 (Hour) 50 (Minutes) M.S.T. (1350)
(Circle One): A.M. or [✓ P.M.]

3. Time zone:
(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
[✓ c. Mountain]
d. Pacific
e. Other ______

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
[✓ b. Standard]

4. Where were you when you saw the object?
403 22ND AVE. (Nearest Postal Address) YUMA (City or Town) ARIZONA (State or Country)
Additional remarks: SIGHTED OBJECTS AT YUMA COUNTY AIRPORT

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. — (Hours) 5 (Minutes) — (Seconds)

5.1 *Circle* one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.
[✓ a. Certain]
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?
(Circle One): [✓ a. Bright daylight]
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight
d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?
(Circle One): [✓ a. In front of you]
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:	8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:
a. None	a. Bright moonlight
b. A few	b. Dull moonlight
c. Many	c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember	d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): [✓ a. Yes] b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One)
- a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?
- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- [✓ e. Other] OBJECT'S WERE DULL WHITE

11. Did the object:

	(Circle One for each question)		
a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know
g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	[✓ No]	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): [✓ Yes] No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: LOWER EDGE OF SUN, THEN AS IT TRAVELED WEST WENT INTO CIRRUS CLOUD.

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): [✓ Yes] No [✓ Don't Know]. IF you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: OBJECTS POSSIBLE MOVED IN FRONT OR BEHIND CIRRUS CLOUD, I COULDN'T TELL WHICH.

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: [✓ a. Solid?] b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	[✓ Yes]	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other ______		

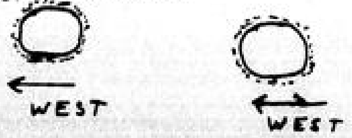
16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound NO SOUND

b. Color SOLID DULL WHITE COLOR, NO REFLECTION.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

I SAW TWO OBJECTS THE SAME SIZE, ALMOST ROUND, A SOLID DULL PURE WHITE COLOR, A THIN WHITE MIST EDGED EACH OBJECT.



18. The edges of the object were:

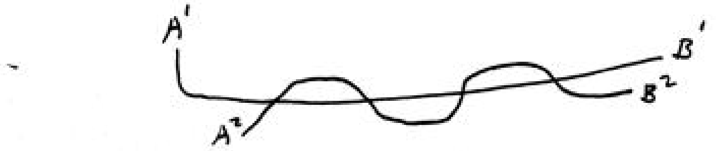
(Circle One): [✓ a. Fuzzy or blurred]
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? 2.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

ONE OBJECT FOLLOWED A WESTWARD COURSE FAIRLY STRAIGHT AS THE SECOND OBJECT SWOOPED ACROSS OR NEAR IT'S PATH 3 TO 4 TIMES.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



A^1 FIRST OBJECT
A^2 SECOND OBJECT

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
________ feet. ONE MINUTE OF ARC IN SIZE OF THEODOLITE FIELD.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects *held in the hand* and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- [✓ b. Pea]
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar
- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other ________

22.1 *(Circle One* of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- [✓ a. Certain]
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? OBSCURED BY CIRRUS CLOUD.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY METAL OR PLASTIC PAINTED WHITE. NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN HUGE OR POSSIBLEY A FEW FEET IN DIAMETER. IT LOOKED LIKE A BILLIARD BALL, WHITE AND SLIGHTLY OBLONG WITH A THIN WHITE MIST EDGING IT.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One)*:

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
[✓ c. Outdoors]
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other ______

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
[✓ c. In open countryside?]
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other ______

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I WAS FOLLOWING A BALLOON WITH A THEODOLITE, LOOKED AWAY A FEW SECONDS, THE BALLOON WAS NO LONGER IN THEODOLITE FIELD, AND IN MOVING SCOPE OF THEODOLITE A LITTLE SIGHTED OBJECT.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
~~e. South SOUTH EAST~~
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? ______ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)* 157° FROM MY POSITION AT 53° ELEVATION.

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
[✓ e. South SOUTH EAST]
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)* EXACTLY 204.1° FROM MY POSITION, 29.1° ELEVA

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
[✓ e. South SOUTH WEST]
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared: 157° AZIMUTH, 53° ELEVATION
a. From true North ______ degrees.
b. From horizon ______ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared: 204.1° AZIMUTH, 29.1° ELEVATION
a. From true North 204.1 degrees.
b. From horizon ______ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.

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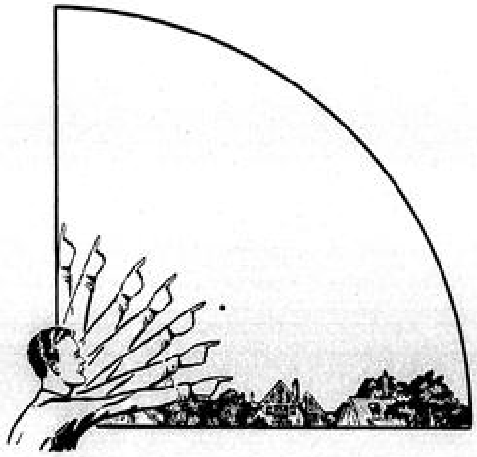

33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

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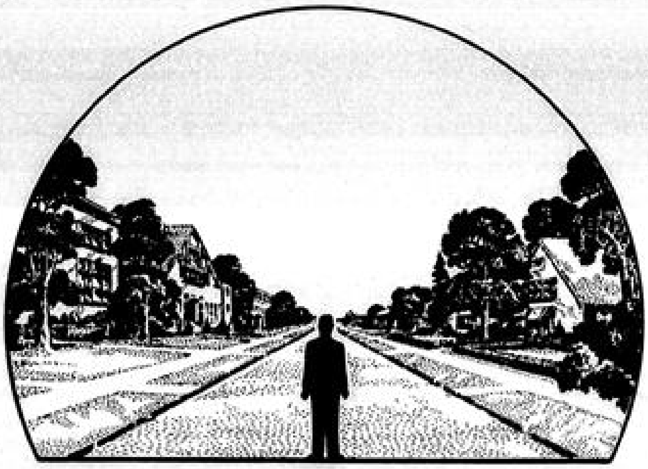

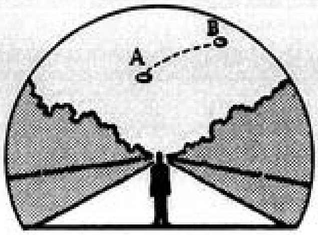

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS *(Circle One)*
- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- [✓ c. Scattered clouds]
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*
- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER *(Circle One)*
- [✓ a. Dry]
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE *(Circle One)*
- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- [✓ c. Warm]
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day	Month	Year	
4	FEB.	1953	SHORTLY AFTER SIGHTING OBJECTS

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes [✓ No]

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) [✓ Yes] No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I AM CERTAIN OF WHAT I SAW. THE OBJECTS WERE EITHER PILOTED OR REMOTE CONTROLLED.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? (ENTIRE SIGHTING IN THEODOLITE)

(Circle One) Yes [✓ No] NOT KNOWING THE DISTANCE AWAY. HOWEVER THEY MOVED VERY FAST THROUGH THE SKY

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? ______ m.p.h.

MUCH FAST THAN ANY BALLOON I HAVE FOLLOWED.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes [✓ No] THEY SEEMED HIGH IN THE SKY.

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? ______ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME BROWN (Last Name) STANLEY (First Name) HERBERT (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 403 22ND AVE. (Street) YUMA (City) - (Zone) ARIZ. (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-5729

What is your present job? METEOROLOGICAL AID, U.S. WEATHER BUREAU

Age 27 Sex MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school GRADUATE
b. High school GRADUATE
c. College 1 YEAR
d. Post graduate NONE
e. Technical school ______
(Type) ______
f. Other special training PRIVATE PILOT LICENSE

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 25 (Day) FEB. (Month) 1953 (Year)

Form B

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME STANLEY HERBERT BROWN
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE Stanley Herbert Brown

DATE February 25, 1953

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

COPY ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER

February 6, 1953

Stanley H. Brown
Yuma, County Airport
Yuma, Arizona

"Sighting of flying objects"

The location Yuma County Airport, February 4, 1953, time 1350 M.S.T. I was using a theodolite to follow a pilot balloon, which was at 6,000 feet Mean Sea Level. I took my eyes away from the eye piece for a few seconds, returned my eye to the eye piece, and the balloon was out of the field. The readings were 53 degrees elevation, and direction from me 157 degrees, time 1350 M.S.T. I then saw one object going upward, and curving to the West. I had a clear sky background, and although it moved through the field rapidly was able to see it clearly, and follow the flight. About 20 seconds after sighting the first object a second object came into the field, and swooped upward and across the path of the first object. The first object flew toward the West, while the second object swooped across or near the path of the first object three to four times, going out of the field about two times for a moment. The two objects passed near the lower portion of the sun, and were traveling westward, the second object below and behind the first object, when a Cirrus cloud came into the theodolite field, I lost sight of the two objects. The exact position at that time, elevation angle 29.1 degrees and direction from the instrument 204.1 degrees. The time 1355 M.S.T. , after having followed the two objects through the 32 power theodolite for a period of 5 minutes with a clear sky background.

The objects were both the same size, as nearly as I can figure one minute of arc in size. The objects were almost round, a solid, dull, pure white color, with a thin white mist completely edging each object.

I am a Meteorological Aid employed with the United States Weather Bureau, having followed balloons through a theodolite for the past ten years. I also hold a private pilots license, and having flown in military and civilian aircraft frequently in the past ten years.

I am absolutely certain of what I have seen through the theodolite as described in the foregoing paragraphs.

Signed Stanley H. Brown

Stanley H. Brown
Yuma County Airport
Yuma, Arizona

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
4 Feb 53

2. LOCATION
Yuma City, Ariz.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 4/1350 MST
GMT 4/2050Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
(Theodolite)
☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Weather Bureau Person

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 min.

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
2

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
A civilian weather observer while using a theodolite to find his lost balloon sighted two solid white oblong objects. Source states that objects moved too fast to be balloons. There were a/c in the vicinity.

11. COMMENTS

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☒ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
30 Dec 52

2. LOCATION
HOKKAIDO ISLAND, JAPAN

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 30/1948I
GMT 30/1000Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF Pilot

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
7 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object described by observer as set of rotating lights, counter clockwise, varying red, white & green. Object appeared to have two beam like legs on top and one on bottom side. Source, who is pilot of F-84G a/c, observed the object at 27,000' altitude then climbed to 37,000' which was same altitude of object. When observer attempted interception, object pulled away & disappeared after approximately 30 seconds. Source is a reliable combat pilot who is an AF colonel.

11. COMMENTS

1. The tone of this report is very similar to the Presque Isle (Nov) & N.Y. (Dec) sightings of the planet Jupiter. Although this object is not Jupiter, it is felt that the F-84 pilot did see a bright astronomical body, possibly the planet Jupiter

✓ 12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☒ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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Northern Honshu, 29 Dec 52, ATIC Document 110519

The following is a report of an aerial sighting on an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1939I, 29 Dec 52. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 2 crew members of a B-26 for approximately 5 to 7 minutes. The light appeared to be moving at a speed equivalent to that of the aircraft at approximately 40-70 nautical miles SW of the a/c. Object seemed to be descending slowly and moving to the west, finally disappearing in clouds.

Concurrent sightings from other US aircraft in the area of an unidentified light are as follows: 2 F-94's, 1 F-84 flying over Misawa AB, and 1 C-47. There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857I 12 miles east of Misawa AB.

Comments of the 20th Weather Sq: Suggest some interesting planet and weather factors which well might explain a phenomena of this type. The planet Venus is at a maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet Mars is predominantly red. Both planets assume approx the same relative position late in December, from a great distance can very well appear to move in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

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TDEW

8 Nov 63

Mrs Lyle G Boyd
24 Edward Street
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs Boyd,

We have received your letter of 4 Nov 63 with the proposed changes for the new edition of The World of Flying Saucers.

In going over the cases we also noted one minor error in dates. The June 20, 1959 sighting over the Pacific Ocean should be June 18, 1959.

I have reviewed the "Rotating Lights of Japan" case again. It seems that there were four sightings from aircraft (IR-3-52, IR-4-52, IR-5-52 and IR177-52). All air observations were toward the West and the object/objects were undoubtedly Venus or Mars as indicated in your letter. However, IR-1-53, which is carried as part of this sighting contained ground observations from five observers. These witnesses reported 3/4 objects to the East, Southeast, Northwest and South of Chitose AFB. It is believed that the principal culprit in this case is Jupiter. Undoubtedly you will be able to determine what the other objects were. I am attaching copies of this case for your convenience. Perhaps the report/reports that you have did not include the ground observations.

Sincerely,

DAVID MOODY
TSgt, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch

5 Atchs
1. ATIC Report, IR-1-53
2. ATIC Report, IR-3-52
3. ATIC Report, IR-4-52
4. ATIC Report, IR-5-52
5. ATIC Report, IR-177-52

cc: Mrs Helen Gaiser

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24 Edward St.
Belmont 78, Mass.
Nov. 4, 1963

TSgt David Moody, USAF
Aerial Phenomena Branch
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sgt. Moody:

Thank you very much for your promptness in sending the material for corrections in The World of Flying Saucers. The list of corrections has now gone off to Doubleday, and I enclose a copy for your files.

We have tried to take care of all your comments; in some cases we would have preferred to give an expanded account, but of course were limited to the original amount of page space. In the "Rotating Lights of Japan" case, however, we merely made an addition, not a change. You stated that your files give the planet Jupiter as the explanation here. But it still seems to us that Jupiter cannot have been involved. For Dec. 29, 1952, at Honshu, we found Venus to be about 3 degrees above the horizon at an azimuth of about 248 degrees at 7:48 p.m. local time, with a magnitude of nearly -4. This seems to fit all the circumstances of the sighting. Mars was nearby, and was also a possibility. But according to our plot, Jupiter would have been in the east, no where near the region where the UFO was reported. When you have time some time, would you please re-check this, and let us know what you conclude?

The six-months summary and the collection of interesting recent cases arrived from Washington, and we shall much enjoy looking through them.

Please tell Captain Quintanilla that we hope to meet him some day. And remember us to Col. Friend when you write him.

With many thanks for all your help,

Sincerely yours,

Lyle G. Boyd

cc: DHMenzel

(Mrs.) Lyle G. Boyd

CASE #16

JUPITER

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29 Dec 52

Hokkaido Island, Japan

A single flying object of unknown actual size was observed on 2 occasions; first sighting was at 1948 hours and lasted until 1950 hours (local time), second sighting commenced at 2000 hours and was terminated at 2005 hours (local time). At initial sighting observer was certain it was larger in body than any of the stars or other heavenly bodies. Since the pilot making the observation was flying an F-84-G a/c at time, he was unable to note whether the object was accompanied by any sound. Its means of propulsion was likewise unknown. First impression of description offered by observer was that this object appeared to be a cluster of lights rotating slowly in a counter-clockwise direction or from E to W. The object was unusual in its color effects. Its body whose shap can only be assumed to be circular gave off three, red-white-green. These are the colors that gave the rotating ~~eff~~ effect when sighted. This rotation was constant during both observations (totaling 12 minutes). The shifting of the 3 colors during their cycle of rotation was similar to the change in colors often seen in popular makes of juke-boxes. As these colors rotated in the body of the object, at times the entire body was 1 solid color, either white, red or green, but in the process of completing a revolution the body was frequently fractionally red, white or white-green plus the other possible combinations of the 3 colors. Beyond the prominence of the colors common to the body, (possibly the center of the body) the most prominent item of description appeared to be the 3 beams of light that worked from the body outward in straight shafts of white light. The 3 beams never changed their relative positions, and actually were located at about 11 o'clock, 5 o'clock and 7 o'clock. These white beams did not shift around as searchlights would, but maintained their constant position on the object. Very much like 2 legs on the lower portion, with 1 remaining lep displaced on the top of the object to a point approximatly 11 o'clock. It is possible that the two lower legs could have been a bit high on the bottom side of the body, say at the 4:30

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and 7:30 clock positions. The observer recalls that the upper beam located just off the center appeared to be exactly opposite the lower right beam and established a one-way balance for effect. The object at no time executed any violent maneuvers, except for an almost gradual change of direction during the 2 observations. The observer attempted to estimated the speed of revolution of the 3 color series in the body, and it is loosely estimated at 4 to 8 seconds. There was no exhaust noticed during either observation

Both sightings were made visually by the pilot of an F-84-G a/c. Subject pilot was engaged in local area night flying. His first observation was made while he was at 27,000' altitude; the object stayed in his view while he climbed to 35,000' - at which point he was level with it. His second sighting of the object was also at 35,000' altitude. During one period, the pilot's airspeed indicator was exhibiting 330 knots, resulting in a true air speed of 468 knots and true ground speed of 412 knots. [redacted]

The observer's position at the time of initial sighting was 40 deg 57 min 15 sec N 141 deg 23 min 15 sec E. He was flying a mag heading of 010 deg at an altitude of 27,000'. At this sighting the object was higher than the observer at 9 o'clock position which was almost due west from him, traveling on a parallel course due north. He lost sight of the object at approximately 41 deg 32 min N - 140 deg 30 min E some 7 minutes after seeing it.

The source caught sight of the object for the second time just 5 minutes after losing sight of it. This was at 2000 hrs I time and the source was still at 35,000' altitude, but heading SE on magnetic heading of 160 deg. During this second sighting, the object was still at the same altitude level as the F-84 pilot, but it appeared approximately 30 deg off to the right of the F-84's nose - distance still unknown. The general area of these sighting was extreme northern portion of Island of Honshu, Japan.

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The pilot reporting these sightings is a colonel possessing long experience in World War II and the Korean theater. Source has held responsible command assignments for some time and presently commands a Fighter Escort Wing operating under the ~~[illegible]~~ Japan Air Defense Force. The accuracy of source's statements was consistent despite repetitive interrogation, his sequence of times, locations and descriptions did not very at any time. Source is stable and thoroughly reliable.

The area in which the sightings were made had the following weather conditions at 1730 hrs item (~~[illegible]~~ local time). 10/10s overcast, from 6 to 10,000' - brilliant moonlight and visibility of minimum 40 miles; temperature at 35,000' was -56 deg, pressure 210 millibars. Winds aloft reported by Misawa Weather Station were as follows: 27,000' from 280 deg at 90 knots/35,000' from 280 deg, at knots, and at 38,000' from 280 deg at 200 knots.

The pilot of this a/c was originally put on his guard to be watchful for something unusual, ~~By~~ by virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an a/c calling a radar station on the ground.

The foresight of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his a/c, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in reviewing the details of his sighting result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying object". The source's experience and past actions demand attention to this sequency of sightings. This pilot was thoroughly versed in the limitations of flying machines; his attempt to garner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organised.

ATIC Comment:

The tone of this report is very ~~fam~~ similar to previous sightings of the planet Jupiter. ~~Although this object is not Jupiter, it is felt that the F-84 pilot did see~~ a ~~bright astronomical body and possibly the planet.~~ There is a great possibility that the ~~F-84~~ pilot saw Jupiter

Conclusion - probably astronomical

CASE NO. 17

29 ~~March~~ DEC 1952 Misawa AFB, Japan

At 1120 hours 29 ~~March~~ DEC 1952 an unidentified object was observed approximately 20 miles north of Misawa AFB. This sighting was made by an AF pilot flying a T-6 a/c. This T-6 was traveling at 6,000' altitude on a heading of 0 degrees at 130 knots. At the time of sighting, 2 F-84 a/c were making practice runs on the T-6. The object was first noticed by the pilot of the T-6 a/c when it pulled abreast of him and reflected the sunlight. The object that had reflected the sunlight was a small shiny disc-shaped object. The object then appeared to make a pass at the F-84 at an estimated 40-50 MPH in excess of the F-84's airspeed. It closed rapidly and just before flying into his fuselage, it decellerated to his airspeed almost instantaneously. In doing so, it flipped on its edge at approximately a 90 degree bank. It then fluttered within 20' of his fuselage for 2 or 3 seconds, and pulled away around his starboard wing where it was caught in the slipstream behind the aircraft and flipped once. Then it passed him; crossed in front of him and pulled away abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep almost verticle climb. The pilot of the F-84 didn't observe the object.

Comment

No further information has been forthcoming. No explanation for this sighting can be proposed other than the possible reflection and refraction of light through the canopy of the observer's aircraft.

Conclusion

Unsolved

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21 Jan 1953 Ops/SI Durant

U.S. AIR BASE, NORTHERN JAPAN-(AP)-MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECTS--"ROTATING CLUSTERS OF RED, WHITE AND GREEN LIGHTS"--HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OVER NORTHERN JAPAN BY AMERICAN AIRMEN, THE AIR FORCE DISCLOSED TONIGHT.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS PLACED THE SIGHTINGS CLOSE TO RUSSIAN TERRITORY IN THE KURILE ISLANDS AND SAKHALIN. THEY ADDED:

"THERE ARE TOO MANY INDICATIONS OF THE PRESENCE OF SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED AN OBSERVATION OF NOTHING." AND THEY DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY THE SIGHTED OBJECTS WERE MERE "REFLECTIONS OF LIGHT."

COL. CURTIS D. LOW, COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE JAPAN AIR DEFENSE FORCE, SAID THE FLYING CLUSTERS WERE SEEN BY FIGHTER PILOTS AND GROUND PERSONNEL AND WERE TRACKED ON RADAR. HE RELEASED OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON THE SIGHTING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

THE REPORTS WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBING "FLYING SAUCERS" IN THE U.S. ONE SAID THE LIGHTS APPEARED TO HANG MOTIONLESS AT TIMES AND AT OTHER TIMES DISAPPEARED WITH BLINDING SPEED.

COL. DONALD J.M. BLAKESLEE, WORLD WAR II ACE AND COMMANDER OF AN ESCORT FIGHTER WING, TOOK DETAILED OBSERVATIONS ON ONE ROTATING CLUSTER AND TRIED IN VAIN TO INTERCEPT IT IN A JET.

SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY MANY PERSONS AT MANY POINTS OVER NORTHERN JAPAN DEC. 29. ON JAN. 9 A ROTATING CLUSTER WAS SPOTTED BY TWO FIGHTER PILOTS AND WAS TRACKED ON RADAR.

THE REPORT WAS SIGNED BY LT.COL. RUSSELL POWELL, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, U.S. AIR FORCE.

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Hit papers 21 Jan 1953

Picked Up on Radar Screen

WASH D.C. POST 22 JAN 53

U. S. Jet Pilots Chase Light Clusters Flying At Blinding Speed Over Northern Japan

UNITED STATES AIR BASE, Northern Japan (Thursday), Jan. 22 (AP).—Strange clusters of red, white and green lights flying at blinding speed have been chased twice by United States jet pilots over northern Japan, the Air Force said Wednesday.

The hurtling, rotating clusters were seen the nights of December 29 and January 9 over northern Honshu, the main island of Japan. The Japanese government recently complained of flights over Hokkaido Island just north of Honshu by Russian fighter planes from Kurile and Sakhalin Island bases.

"Frequency of related sightings attest to some unconventional flying object active in this general area," said an Air Force intelligence report on the December 29 spotting, indicating the mysterious lights had been seen many times before.

"There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing." The report was signed by Lieut. Col. Russell, Intelligence officer.

(At Washington, the Air Force said it had received a preliminary report on the sightings.)

Col. Donald J. M. Blakeslee in his F-84 Thunderjet chased the lights the night of December 29, at 35,000 feet. They headed west and out of sight. In that direction lies Russian Siberia.

He observed the lights for approximately seven minutes, and as he set his course of pursuit, "he noted that the object obviously was increasing in size," the report said. Blakeslee extinguished all the lights of his aircraft "to make certain he was not getting some reflection from his canopy surface."

After losing the lights, Blakeslee turned southeast and "after five minutes he noted the object again at 35,000 feet, level with him and flying what appeared a parallel course."

After more than 4 minutes observation, the lights headed west and disappeared, the report said.

Authorities at this air base were especially impressed by the radar pickup by another plane on January 9. They said the radar actually locked on the object, heading the plane toward it as though it were drawn by a magnet.

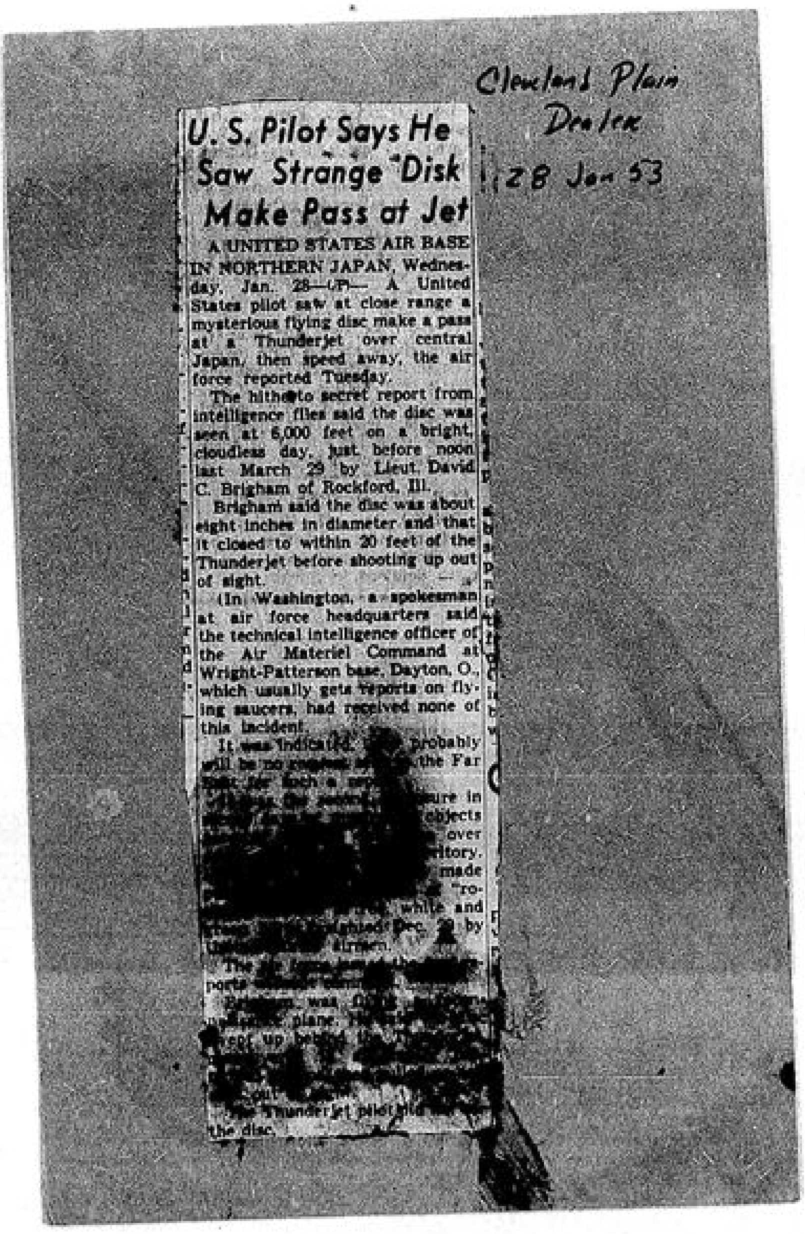
IR 3-52 29/1940Z 250° {RIVKIND F-94
SALLEE F-94} VENUS

IR 5-52 29/1939Z 250° {ASHLEY B-26
WOOD B-26} VENUS

CASE 16 29/1948 (LOCAL) - 2 MIN 270° COL IN AF VENUS
#7 29/2000 (LOCAL) 5 MIN 190° " (F-84G)

IR 1-53 29/1850 Z EAST AT 60° ELEV JUPITER
ground Sightings 29/1905 Z SE OF BASE AT 30° ELEV
29/2000 Z NW OF BASE (NO ELEV GIVEN)
DURATION 30 MIN TO 1 HR 40 MIN.
— 29/1850 Z CALLAWAY OBJECT TO EAST 15 MIN
29/1905 Z " 2ND " TO SE AT 30°
29/2000 Z " 3RD " TO NW LOW 30 MIN
31/0320 Z " OBSERVED STAR.
29/1950 Z SEALE OBJ IN ESE
29/1930 Z POPAJOL OBJ DIRECTION NOT GIVEN
29/2015 Z GILA 30° ELEV STATIONARY
29/1930-2005 Z SIMMONS OBJECTS IN E, SE & S.

~~CASE 17 29/1120 T/6 AC NOT ASSOCIATED~~
IR 4-52 29/1915 - 1944-1955 AZ 250° F-94 VENUS
~~1942Z~~ 29/1915 Z 250° AZ OBJ IN WEST GULAIAN "
29/1913 Z OBVIOUS PLANET IN WEST KADDY "
IR 177-52 same as Case 10 + #7.



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U. S. Pilot Says He Saw Strange Disk Make Pass at Jet

A UNITED STATES AIR BASE IN NORTHERN JAPAN, Wednesday, Jan. 28—(P)— A United States pilot saw at close range a mysterious flying disc make a pass at a Thunderjet over central Japan, then speed away, the air force reported Tuesday.

The hitherto secret report from intelligence files said the disc was seen at 6,000 feet on a bright, cloudless day, just before noon last March 29 by Lieut. David C. Brigham of Rockford, Ill.

Brigham said the disc was about eight inches in diameter and that it closed to within 20 feet of the Thunderjet before shooting up out of sight.

(In Washington, a spokesman at air force headquarters said the technical intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson base, Dayton, O., which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of this incident.

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About 7:30 p.m. December 29, 1952, an Air Force radar base in northern Japan received a call from a B-26 crew: "We've just sighted a UFO. It looks like a cluster of lights—red, white and green."

Moments later, the radar men picked up the UFO. Because of the B-26's low speed, no interception could be made. At 7:45, an F-94 pilot radioed in, reporting the same type of device. The call was overheard by Col. Curtis Low, commander of a fighter-escort wing in Japan. **(As he was mentioned in a news dispatch which briefly described the incident, I am using his right name.) He was flying his F-84 jet fighter at 27,000 feet.** Three minutes later, he sighted the strange machine. He called ground control and was asked to try an interception.

As he climbed, Colonel Low switched off his lights. The object's lights did not change—proof that it was no canopy reflection. Keeping his own lights off to avoid detection, Low climbed to 35,000 feet. When he got closer, he saw that the saucer's lights were revolving in a counterclockwise direction—a steady rotation between 8 and 12 times a minute.

It Vanished in 30 Seconds

Low could see three fixed shafts of white light shining outward. Apparently, one part of the machine was rotating, but the change of colors was puzzling. At times, the saucer was one solid color—white, green or red. In between, the wing commander saw brief combinations — red-white, red-green and green-white. But the three white beams remained constant.

Colonel Low opened his F-84 to full power. Racing in at over 500 miles an hour, he tried to close the gap. Apparently, his unlighted plane was not seen for a second or two. Then the saucer increased its speed. It disappeared in 30 seconds.

Five minutes later, circling at 35,000 feet, Low saw the machine again. This time, as a test, he left his lights on when he tried to close in. Immediately turning west, the strange craft speeded up, so swiftly it vanished in five seconds.

Eleven nights later, another machine with similar rotating lights was sighted over Japan and tracked by radar. With the permission of intelligence, Low mentioned both cases to war correspondents, withholding the details I have just given.

"Don't dismiss these as the reports of a few imaginative people," he warned the reporters. "These were corroborated sightings by trained pilots and radar operators."

(The ATIC summary of this incident stressed the stability and reliability of the colonel and his persistence in seeking accurate details of the light he saw. Its comment was: "The tone of this report is very similar to previous sightings of the planet Jupiter. There is a great possibility this pilot saw Jupiter." The official conclusion on the case was: "Probably astronomical."—Ed.)

[illegible] Colonel D. M. B[illegible] was flying an F-84 Thunderjet over [illegible] [illegible] outdistanced him. According to the Air Force "explanation," Colonel Blakeslee was [illegible]

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Air Force Reveals Pilot's Story Flying Disk Buzzed Japan F-84

By The Associated Press

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It was the second disclosure in recent days of mysterious objects zooming through the skies over Japan, near Russian-held territory. On Jan. 21, the Air Force made public Intelligence reports of "rotating clusters of red, white and green lights," sighted Dec. 29 by American airmen.

The Air Force issued the two reports without comment.

Lt. Brigham was flying a reconnaissance plane when a Thunderjet pulled alongside. The incident occurred soon afterward. Lt. Brigham estimated that he watched the disk for about ten seconds from a distance of thirty to fifty feet at the closest point. The Thunderjet pilot, who was not identified, did not see the disk.

Lt. Brigham described the disk as "about eight inches in diameter, very thin, round, and as shiny as polished chromium, had no apparent projectors and left no exhaust trails or vapor trails."

He said there were no markings on the disk but there was a "ripple in the metal skin." He estimated it was flying at about 200 miles an hour.

Lt. Brigham's report to Intelligence said the disk made a pass on the Thunderjet, closing from slightly above him.

"It closed rapidly, and just before flying into his fuselage it decelerated to his air speed almost instantaneously," he reported. "In doing so it flipped up on its edge at approximately a 90-degree bank. Then it fluttered within twenty feet of his fuselage for perhaps two or three seconds, pulled away and around his starboard wing, appearing to flip over at it hit the slipstream behind his wing tip fuel tank.

"Then it passed him, crossed in front of him and pulled up abruptly, appearing to accelerate and shot out of sight in a steep, almost vertical climb."

Sightings of the light clusters were made at several points over northern Japan on Dec. 29. On Jan. 9 a rotating cluster was tracked by radar from two F-94 jet interceptors. The radar actually "locked" on the cluster and steered the jets toward it.

[In Washington, a spokesman at Air Force headquarters said the technical intelligence officer of the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Base, Ohio, which usually gets reports on flying saucers, had received none of this incident. It was indicated there probably would not be a request sent to the Far East for such a report.]

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DEC. 29, 1952 NORTHERN JAPAN (KEYHOE-1953 P 190) 6 WITNESSES

AT ABOUT 7.30 P.M. AN AIR FORCE RADAR BASE IN NORHTERN JAPAN RECEIVED A CALL FROM A B-26 CREW.

WE-VE JUST SIGHTED A UFO. IT LOOKS LIKE A CLUSTER OF LIGHTS -- RED, WHITE AND GREEN.

MOMENTS LATER THE AIR FORCE RADAR MEN PICKED UP THE UFO. BUT BECAUSE OF THE B-26-S LOW SPEED, NO INTERCEPTION COULD BE MADE. AT 7.45 P.M. AN F-94 PILOT RADIOED IN, REPORTING THE SAME TYPE OF DEVICE. THE CALL WAS OVERHEARD BY COLONEL CURTIS LOW.,COMMANDER OF A FIGHTER ESCORT WING IN JAPAN.. COLONEL LOW WAS FLYING HIS F-84 JET FIGHTER AT 27,000 FEET.

THREE MINUTES LATER THE WING COMMANDER SIGHTED THE STRANGE OBJECT, EASILY IDENTIFIED BY ITS RED, WHITE AND GREEN LIGHTS. HE CALLED GROUND CONTROL AND WAS ASKED TO TRY AN INTERCEPTION.

AS HE CLIMBED, COLONEL LOW SWITCHED OFF HIS LIGHTS THE OBJECT-S LIGHTS DID NOT CHANGE -- PROOF THAT IT WAS NO CANOPY REFLECTION. KEEPING HIS OWN LIGHTS OFF TO AVOID DETECTION, LOW CLIMBED TO 35,000 FEET. WHEN HE GOT CLOSER, HE SAW THAT THE OBJECT-S LIGHTS WERE REVOLVING IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE DIRECTION -- A STEADY ROTATION BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 TIMES A MINUTE.

BESIDE THE SHIFTING COLORS, LOW COULD SEE THREE FIXED SHAFTS OF WHITE LIGHT SHINING OUTWARD. APPARENTLY ONE PART OF THE OBJECT WAS ROTATING, BUT THE CHANGE OF COLORS WAS PUZZLING. AT TIMES THE OBJECT WAS ONE SOLID COLOR, WHITE GREEN, OR RED. IN BETWEEN, THE WING COMMANDER SAW BRIEF COMBINATIONS -- RED-WHITE, RED-GREEN, AND GREEN-WHITE. BUT THE THREE WHITE BEAMS REMAINED CONSTANT.

AFTER WATCHING THE DEVICE FOR A MOMENT LONGER, COLONEL LOW OPENED HIS F-84 TO FULL POWER. RACING IN AT OVER 500 MILES AN HOUR, HE TRIED TO CLOSE THE GAP. APPARENTLY HIS UNLIGHTED PLANE WAS NOT SEEN FOR A SECOND OR TWO. THEN THE UNKNOWN INCREASED ITS SPEED. GRADUALLY PULLING AWAY, IT DISAPPEARED IN 30 SECONDS.

FIVE MINUTES LATER, CIRCLING AT 35,000 FEET, THE WING COMMANDER SAW THE OBJECT AGAIN. AS BEFORE, IT WAS AT HIS LEVEL, BUT NOW MOVING PARALLEL WITH THE F-84. THIS TIME, AS A TEST, COLONEL LEFT HIS LIGHTS ON WHEN HE TRIED TO CLOSE IN. IMMEDIATELY TURNING WEST, THE STRANGE OBJECT SPEEDED UP, SO SWIFTLY THAT IT VANISHED IN FIVE SECONDS.

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1. The source whose information comprises this report, experienced two sightings of an unidentified flying object. Both sightings provided the source with some unusual exhibits of the object's composition. The "rotating cluster of lights" title best illustrates the general nature of the object; but it is further enhanced by the supporting evidence of three beams of white light set around the periphery. Inclosure number 1 lends the visual portrayal of what the source saw. Inclosure number 2 aids in readily seeing the area of these sightings and the general pattern of the F-84's flight during the sightings. Although the object's position in both instances appears to the east of the source, and disappears to the east in each case, its relative size, positive shape and its distance from the source cannot be ascertained.

2. Unofficial "hear-say" reports from other agencies in this area increase the strength of these sightings, since the term "rotating cluster of lights" seems to most easily explain the phenomena. These unofficial "hear-say" reports when processed by allied intelligence agencies at the scene, should add more to the substance of this specific sighting.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: A single flying object of unknown actual size. At initial sighting, observer was certain it was larger and brighter than any of the stars or other heavenly bodies. Since the pilot making the observation was flying an F-84-G at the time, he was unable to note whether the object was accompanied by any sound. Its means of propulsion was likewise unknown. First impression of description offered by the observer was that this object appeared to be a cluster of lights, rotating slowly in a counter-clockwise direction - or from west to east. The object was unusual in its color effects. Its body whose shape can only be assumed to be circular, gave off three colors, i.e. red, white and green. These are the colors that gave the rotating effect when sighted; this rotation was constant during both observations (totalling 12 minutes). The shifting of the three colors during their cycle of rotation was similar to the change in colors often seen in popular makes of Juke-Boxes. As these colors rotated in the body of the object, at times the entire body was one solid color, i.e., either white, green or red, - but in the process of completing a revolution, the body was frequently fractionally red/white or white/green plus the other possible combinations of the three colors. Beyond the prominence of the colors common to the body, (possibly the center of the body) the most prominent item of description appeared to be the three beams of light that worked from the body outward in straight shafts of white light. These three beams never changed their relative positions, and actually were located at about 11 o'clock, - 5 o'clock, and 7 o'clock. These white beams did not shift around as searchlights would, but maintained their constant position on the object. Very much like two legs on the lower portion, with one remaining leg displaced from the top of the object to a point approximating 11 o'clock. It is possible that the two lower legs could have been a bit higher on the bottom side of the body, say at the 4:30 and 7:30 positions of the clock. The observer recalls that the upper beam located just off center appeared to be exactly opposite the lower right beam and established a one way balance for effect. The object at no time executed any violent maneuvers, except for an almost gradual change of direction during the two observations. The observer attempted to estimate the speed of revolution of the three color series in the body, and it is loosely estimated at 4 to 6 seconds. There was no exhaust noticed during either observation.

2. TIMES OF SIGHTING: The source experienced the sighting of this object on two occasions a short interval of time interrupting them. The first sighting was at 1948 hrs, Item time, and lasted till 1955 hrs, Item time. The second sighting commenced at 2000 hrs and was terminated at 2005 hrs, Item.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: Both sightings were made visually by the pilot of an F-84-G aircraft. Subject pilot was engaged in local area night flying. His first observation was made while he was at 27,000 ft altitude; the object stayed in his view while he climbed to 35,000 ft - at which point he was level with it. His second sighting of the object was also at 35,000 ft altitude. During one period, the pilot's airspeed indicator was exhibiting 330 kts, resulting in a TAS of 466 kts - and true ground speed of 412 knots. At the time of attempting closure on the object, the pilot was riding within two miles of the Mach - for this aircraft, F-84-G, .82.

4. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: The observer's position at the time of initial sighting was 40 deg. 57' 15" North Lat. - 141 deg. 23' 15" East Long. He was flying a mag heading of 010 degrees at an altitude of 27,000 ft. At this sighting the object was higher than the observer at 9 o'clock to himself, almost due west from him, travelling on a parallel course due north. He lost sight of the object at approximately 41 deg. 32' N. - 140 deg. 30' E. some 7 minutes after

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seeing it. The source caught sight of the object for the second time just five minutes after losing sight of it. This was at 2000 hrs Item, and the source was still at 35,000 ft altitude, but heading 1/4 on mag heading of 150 degrees. During this second sighting, the object was still at the same altitude level as the F-84 pilot, but it appeared approximately 30 degrees off to the right of the F-84's nose - distance still unknown. The general area of these sightings was the extreme northern portion of the Island of Honshu, Japan.

5. [illegible]: The pilot reporting these sightings is a Colonel possessing long experience in World War II and the Korean theater. Source has held responsible command assignments for some time, and presently commands a Fighter Escort Wing operating under the Japan Air Defense Force. The accuracy of source's statements was consistent despite repetitive interrogation, his sequence of times, locations and descriptions did not vary at any time. Source is stable and thoroughly reliable.

6. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS: The area in which the sightings were made had the following weather conditions at 1730 hrs Item. 10/10s undercast, from 8,000 to 10,000 ft - brilliant moonlight and visibility of minimum 40 miles; temperature at 35,000 ft was -56 degrees, pressure 230 millibars. Winds aloft reported by Misawa Weather Station were as follows: 27,000 ft from 270 degrees, at 90 knots/35,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 70 knots, and at 38,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 200 knots.

7. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS FOR EXPLANATION: There were no activities of a "met" nature, or any condition which could account for these sightings.

8. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING: These sightings stand on the strength of the narrative factors as surrendered by the source. There is no physical evidence of the object due to its disappearance on both occasions.

9. INTERCEPTION ACTION: The source, upon sighting this object, called local GCI station on radio telephone, (RTF) and reported what he was observing. GCI instructed this pilot to intercept or identify object which he proceeded to attempt to accomplish. Since initially, he was at 27,000 ft altitude, he climbed to 35,000 ft and levelled off when he saw he was level with the object. During this climb he was heading in a northwesterly direction. For approximately 3 of the 7 minutes of observation, the source was riding 2 miles short of the Mach of his F-84 (.82), as he set up a gradual curve to the west to hit upon a pursuit curve that would close the gap between himself and the object he noted that the object obviously was increasing in size. This closing of the distance continued for about one minute, then the object seemed to increase its "going away" speed and vanished in 30 seconds. At the time of the disappearance, the source had managed to close to a point whereby the object was at eleven o'clock to him. Just short of a true stern chase. During the time the pilot was climbing and undertaking a curve toward the object, he exhibited good presence of mind by extinguishing all the lights on his aircraft, i.e., wing tip lights, fuselage lights as well as fluorescent lights within the cockpit. Source admitted he readily decided on this course of action to make certain that he was not getting some reflection from his canopy surface. When all lights were out, he noticed no change in the appearance or brilliance of the object and its color scheme. At the time of losing sight of the object due to its obvious increase in speed, both source and the object were headed due west. Source then took up a mag heading of 150 degrees and flew in a southeasterly direction. After five minutes of flight while

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on this heading, he noted the object again at 35,000 ft level with him and flying what appeared to be a parallel course to himself. It was at approximately 30 degrees to the right of his aircraft's nose section. This time after a bit more than four minutes of observation, (all his navigation lights were on again) the source again tried to set up an interception course by swinging to the right. At this time the object pulled away for the west and disappeared in about five seconds time. It is repeated at this time, that the only tangible point of coincidence noticeable was the short period of time the object required to disappear the second time when the F-84 set up an interception course with all "nav" lights burning - just five seconds. In the first instance, with lights extinguished, he did manage to close considerably, but not knowing the true size of the object, he had no way of knowing just how much of the gap had been successfully closed before the object increased its speed appreciably and disappeared in 30 seconds. Source then returned to the area of his home station, Misawa Air Base and concluded his flight.

10. AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA: The pilot of this F-84, was originally out on his guard to be watchful of something unusual, by virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an aircraft calling a radar station on the ground. The R/T call sign used by this aircraft was "Gander", later check revealed that "Gander" call signs are utilized by an F-94 All Weather unit in this area. At that time the F-94 was reporting his position as being approximately 35 miles south-east of Chitose Air Base, (Hokkaido Island, Japan) the exact contents of his transmission are not recalled, but he did report sighting a "rotating cluster" of lights. This transmission was heard at 1945 hrs Item. The pilot of the F-84 saw the object for the first time some three minutes later. Local intelligence agencies were checking the particulars of the F-94's sightings and it is assumed their findings will be forwarded shortly. Unevaluated reports from neighboring intelligence agencies added the fact that this "rotating cluster" of lights had been seen earlier in the evening by a B-26 aircraft flying in the general area of Misawa Air Base. In addition, similar reports were heard from personnel on duty in the Chitose Air Base Control Tower the same evening.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The foresight of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his aircraft, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in reviewing the details of his sightings result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying objects". It must be added, however, that source's experience and past actions demand attention to this sequence of sightings. This pilot is thoroughly versed in the limitat [illegible] flying machines; his attempt to garner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organized. The frequency of related sightings of an unevaluated nature further attest to some unconventional flying object active in this general area during the early evening hours of 29 December 1952.

/s/ L. J. Pagosaiski
/t/ L. J. PAGOZAISKI
Major, USAF
Asst. Intelligence Officer

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COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

1. The source showed great presence of mind in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 25 seconds in the time it took the object to pull away when the source made his two passes at the object, lights "out" and lights "out" suggesting closer proximity prior to observation by the object, assuming it existed. The fact that there was a full moon, excellent visibility, a clear night, and an undercast furnishes several excellent ingredients for distortion and reflections or refractions in the cockpit. It is a fact that different types of aircraft canopies produce different reflections or refractions of the same object. The reported "cluster of rotating lights" was observed and reported by the source flying an F-84 and by a pilot of an F-94 as well as a B-26. This would tend to lend credence to the observation. The disappearance of the object to the west is considered significant. On the first sighting the curve of pursuit was flown breaking right. Were the phenomenon a reflection of the moon off the windshield, it would have disappeared in the opposite direction on the second pass. There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing.

/s/ Russell Powell
/t/ RUSSELL POWELL
Lt. Col., USAF
Intelligence Officer

D/I FEAF COMMENTS:

1. This is a copy of the original report which evidently was forwarded directly to Strategic Air Command.

2. Reference IR-1-53, 39th Air Division, dated 5 January 1953.
IR-3-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1952.
IR-4-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1952.
IR-5-52, 6016th A.B. Wg, dated 30 December 1952.

3. Ice clouds are common in the Northern area of Japan where these sightings were made. The clear night, bright moon, and stars indicates possible light refraction through such ice clouds.

4. The following extract from IR-1-53, 39th Air Division, Incl# 1 indicates the possible refractive effects when viewing bright stars through binoculars (which might also become fogged from temperature changes):

> From statement by A/3C Gall-----"On Dec 31, 1952, I was scanning the sky with binoculars. I noticed a star which seemed to change colors, red, white and green as I passed over it with binoculars. Upon experimenting, I found that by moving the binoculars up and down and sideways, I could make the star spin vertically and horizontally and change colors. When I held the binoculars still, the star was stationary and white in color."

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5. In all cases except the reported ground sightings, the object was reported as being to the West of the different observers which were in different locations. This indicates either a far-distant terrestial object, or some celestial object, (or a combination of celestial light refracted by distant atmospheric conditions).

6. D/I JADF advances the following comment which could provide a possible explanation for this particular sighting:

> "The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could well appear to "Move" in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of the atmosphere near the Horizon."
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> "At 30° North Latitude on the night of December 29, 1952, VENUS at 1900/I was located at 240° azimuth at 30° above the horizon. Between 1900/I and 2100/I this planet moved from 240 Az. at 30° elevation, to a 260° azimuth position at 5° elevation. This would explain any noticeable dip into the horizon."

GEORGE D. HASTINGS
Colonel, USAF
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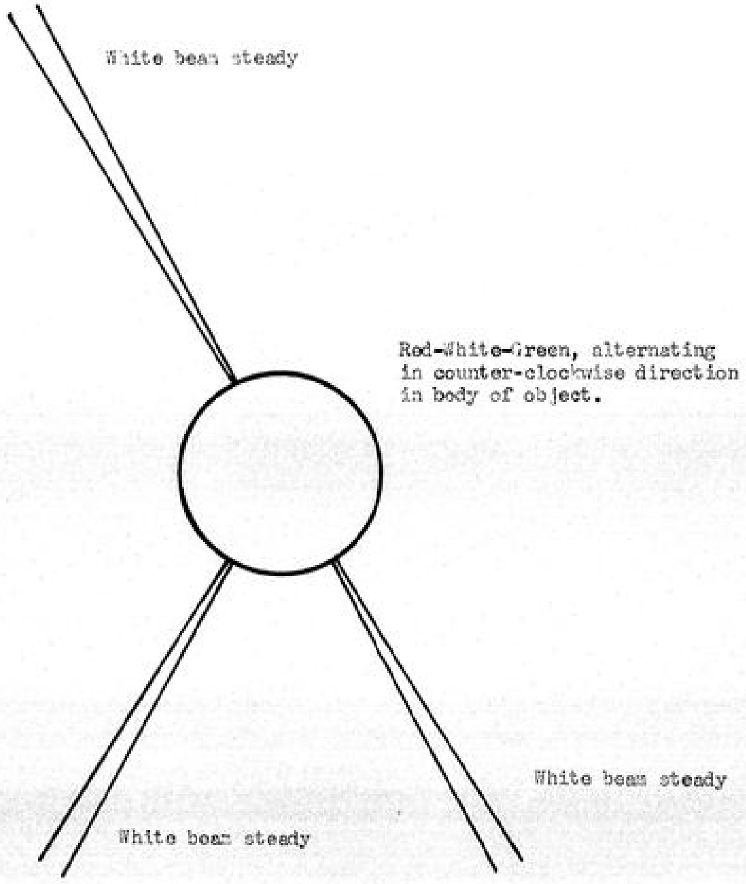
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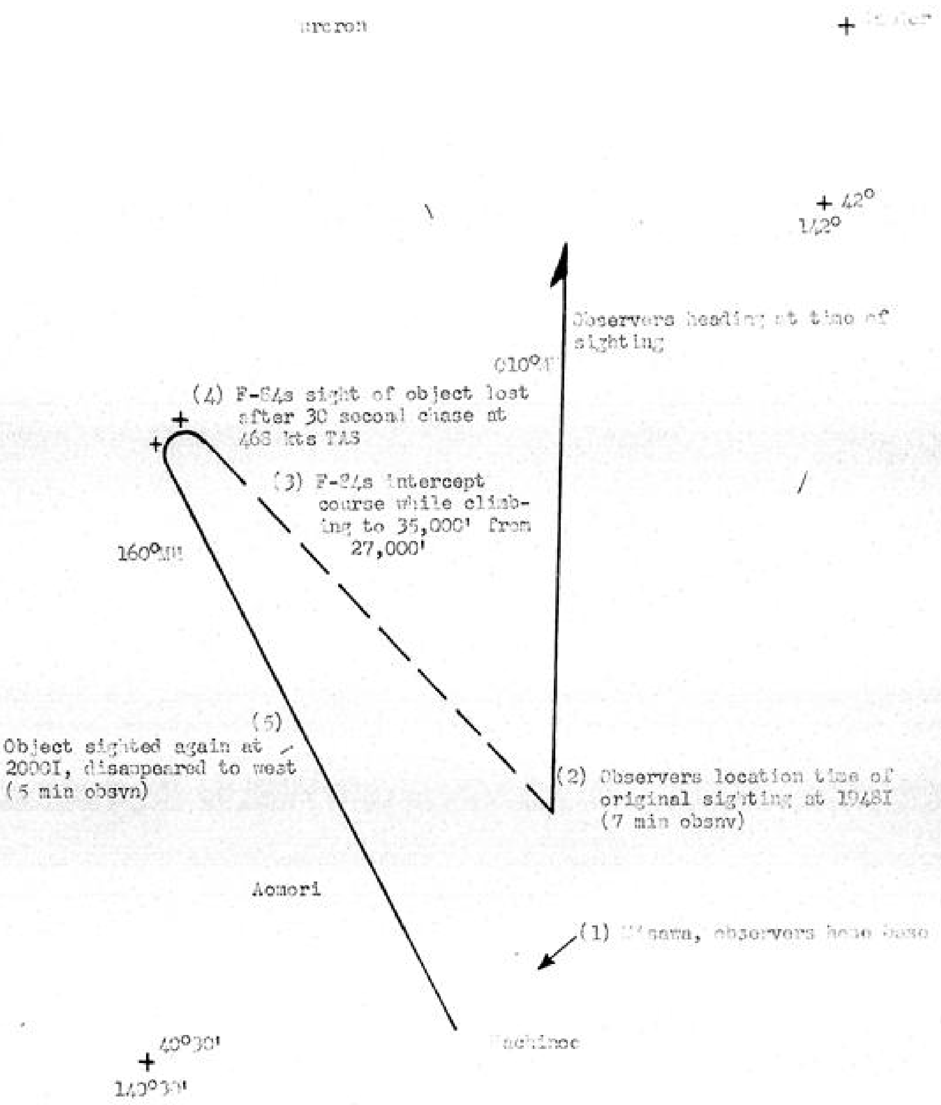
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(5) Object sighted again at 2000I, disappeared to west (5 min obsvn)
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(1) Misawa, observers home base
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The Rotating Lights of Japan

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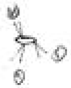
FLYOBRPT ITEM 1: 1 SINGLE OBJECT, SHAPE AND SIZE NOT ASCERTAINED, PROBABLY SPHERICAL. NO PROPULSION MEANS NOTED, SAME FOR EXHAUST. OBJECT DESCRIBED BY OBSERVER AS SET OF ROTATING LIGHTS, COUNTER CLOCKWISE, VARYING RED, WHITE AND GREEN. MASS OF OBJECT FULLY COLORED WITH SOLID COLORS OF ABOVE DESCRIPTION, OR FRACTIONS OR COMBINES OF THESE COLORS, SIMILAR TO SHIFT OF COLOR PATTERNS COMMON TO JUKEBOXES. OUTER LIGHTS CONSIST OF 3 WHITE BEAMS OF LIGHT, THESE SHAFTS OF LIGHT NEVER CHANGED THEIR RELATIVE POSITIONS ON THE OBJECT ITSELF, SEEMING TO EMIT FROM ITS BULK IN THE POSITIONS OF 11 OCLOCK, 5 OCLOCK, AND 7 OCLOCK, ALL RESULTING IN IMPRESSION



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OF OBJECT HAVING 2 CONSTANT LEGS IN ITS BOTTOM SIDE AND 1 SUCH LEG REACHING ABOVE IT FROM THE 11 OCLOCK POSITION. THESE 3 BEAMS OF WHITE LIGHT WERE APPARENTLY LONGER IN LENGTH THEN THE SIZE OF THE BODY. RED, GREEN AND WHITE LIGHTS THAT ROTATED WITHIN THE OBJECT ITSELF DID SO IN A SLOW COUNTERCLOCKWISE FASHION REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 5 SECONDS TO COMPLETE A REVOLUTION. NO SOUNDS WERE HEARD, NOR WERE ANY VIOLENT MANEUVERS EXHIBITED BY OBJECT. CHANGES OF ITS FLIGHT COURSE WERE GRADUAL, WITH NO CHANGE IN ALTITUDE NOTED AT ANYTIME. ITEM 2: 2 SIGHTINGS WERE MADE, FIRST SIGHTING FROM 1948I HRS TO 1955I HRS: SECOND SIGHTING FROM 2000I HRS TO 2005I HRS. ITEM 3: OBSERVED VISUALLY ON BOTH OCCASION BY PILOT OF F84G AIRCRAFT. INITIALLY AIRCRAFT AT 27,000 FT ALTITUDE AND OBJECT WAS ABOVE IT, PILOT CLIMBED ON FULL POWER TO 35,000 FEET ALTITUDE AND AT THIS TIME BECAME LEVEL IN ALTITUDE WITH SIGHTED OBJECT. OBSERVERS SPEED AT TIME OF PURSUIT WAS 330 KNOTS INDICATED AT 35000 FT, RESULTING IN TRUE AIR SPEED OF 468 KNOTS AND TRUE GROUND SPEED OF 412 KNOTS. ITEM 4: OBSERVER WAS AT 40 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 15 SECONDS NORTH LAT, AND 141 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST LONG, FLYING HEADING OF 310 DEGREES AT 27000 FT ALT, THE OBJECT WAS

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RELATION TO OBSERVER. NO ESTIMATE OF DISTANCE OF OBJECT FROM OBSERVER POSSIBLE. ITEM 5: OBSERVER IS USAF COLONEL WITH COMBAT DUTY IN FIGHTERS DURING WW2 AND KOREAN ACTION. SUBJECT OFFICER IS MATURE, STABLE, AND COMPLETELY UNLIKELY TO EXHIBIT HASTY JUDGMENT. PILOT EXHIBITED STRONG TENDENCY TO REPEAT ALL DETAILS CONCERNING INCIDENT CORRECTLY AND ACCURATELY DESPITE REPETITION OF INTERROGATION. ITEM 6: WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS TEN TENTHS UNDERCAST FROM 8000 FT TO 10000 FT WITH BRILLIANT MOON AND CAVU CONDITIONS EXISTING ABOVE UNDERCAST. TEMPERATURE AT 35000 FT WAS MINUS 56 DEGREES, WINDS AT 27000 FT FROM 280 DEGREES AT 90 KNOTS, AT 35000 FT FROM 280 DEGREES AT 70 KNOTS AND AT 38000 FT FROM 280 DEGREES AT 200 KNOTS. THIS OBSERVER AT 35000 FT NEVER ENTERED THE JET STREAM. ITEM 7: NO METEOROLOGICAL CONDITION EXPLAINS SIGHTING. ITEM 8: NO PREVIOUS EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING EXISTS. ITEM 9: OBSERVER UPON SIGHTING OBJECT CONTACTED GCI CONTROLLER IN AREA WHO DIRECTED HE MAKE IDENTIFICATE OF OBJECT. THIS RESULTED IN CLIMB TO 35000 FT FROM 27000 FT AND ATTEMPT OF GRADUAL PURSUIT CURVE ON OBJECT. DURING FIRST SIGHTING AND ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION, OBJECT OBVIOUSLY GREW LARGER TO INDICATE CLOSURE ON

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Major [illegible] J. [illegible], Asst A-2	Colonel Donald [illegible]	
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1. The source whose information comprises this report, experienced two sightings of an unidentified flying object. Both sightings provided the source with some unusual details of the object's composition. The "rotating cluster of lights" while best illustrates the general nature of the object, but it is further enhanced by the supporting evidence of three beams of white light set around the periphery. Inclosure number 1 lends the visual portrayal of what the source saw. Inclosure number 2 aids in readily seeing the area of these sightings and the general pattern of the F-84's flight during the sightings. Although the object's position in both instances appears to the east of the source, and disappears to the east in each case, the relative size, positive shape and the distance from the source cannot be ascertained.

2. Unevaluated "hear-say" reports from other agencies in this area increase the strength of these sightings, since the term "rotating cluster of lights" seems to most easily explain the phenomenon. These scattered "hear-say" reports were processed by allied intelligence agencies at the scene, should add more to the substance of this specific sighting.

APPROVED:

[illegible], Lt. Col., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. - A single flying object of [illegible] size. At initial sighting, observer was certain it was larger and brighter than any of the stars or other heavenly bodies. Since the pilot making the observation was flying an F-84G at the time, he was unable to note whether the object was accompanied by any sound. The means of propulsion was likewise unknown. First impression of description offered by the observer was that this object appeared to be a cluster of lights, rotating slowly in a counter-clockwise direction - [illegible] east to west. The object was unusual in its color effects. The body whose shape can only be assumed to be circular, gave off three colors, i.e. red, white and green. These are the colors that gave the rotating effect when sighted, this rotation was constant during both observations (totalling [illegible] minutes). The shifting of the three colors during their cycle of rotation was similar to the change in colors often seen in popular makes of jukeboxes. As these colors rotated in the body of the object, at times the entire body was one solid color, i.e., either white, green or red, - but in the process of completing a revolution, the body was frequently fractionally red/white or white/green plus the other possible combinations of the three colors. Beyond the prominence of the colors common to the body, (possibly the center of the body) the most prominent item of description appeared to be the three beams of light that emitted from the body outward in straight shafts of white light. These three beams never changed their relative positions, and actually were located at about 11 o'clock, - 5 o'clock, and 7 o'clock. These white beams did not shift around as searchlights would, but maintained their constant position on the object. They much like two legs on the lower portion, with one remaining leg displaced from the top of the object to a point approximating 11 o'clock. It is possible that the two lower legs could have been a bit higher on the bottom side of the body, say at the 4:30 and 7:30 positions of the clock. The observer recalls that the upper beam located just off center appeared to be exactly opposite the lower right beam and established a one way balance for effect. The object at no time executed any violent maneuvers, except for an almost gradual change of direction during the two observations. The observer attempted to estimate the speed of revolution of the three color series in the body, and it is loosely estimated at 4 to 6 seconds. There was no exhaust noticed during either observation.

2. TIME OF SIGHTING. - The source experienced the sighting of this object on two occasions, a short interval of time interrupting them. The first sighting was at 1940 hrs, Item time, and lasted till 1955 hrs, Item time. The second sighting commenced at 2000 hrs and was terminated at 2005 hrs, Item.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. - Both sightings were made visually by the pilot of an F-84G aircraft. Subject pilot was engaged in local area night flying. His first observation was made while he was at 27,000 ft altitude; the object stayed in his view while he climbed to 35,000 ft - at which point he was level with it. The second sighting of the object was also at 35,000 ft altitude. During one period, the pilot's airspeed indicator was maintaining [illegible] kts, resulting in a TAS of [illegible] kts - and true ground speed of [illegible] kts. At the time of attempting closure on the object, the pilot was riding within two miles of the Mach - for this aircraft, Mach .82.

4. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. - The observer's position at the time of initial sighting was [illegible] deg. [illegible] North Lat. - 141 deg. [illegible] East Long. He was flying a mag heading of [illegible] degrees at an altitude of 27,000 ft. At this sighting the object was higher than the observer at 3 o'clock to himself, almost due east from him, travelling on a parallel course due north. He lost sight of the object at approximately [illegible] deg. [illegible] N. - 142 deg. [illegible] E. some 7 minutes after seeing it.

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The source caught sight of the object for the second time just five minutes after losing sight of it. This was at 2000 hrs Item, and the source was still at 35,000 ft altitude, but heading S/E on mag heading of 160 degrees. During this second sighting, the object was still at the same altitude level as the F-84 pilot, but it appeared approximately 30 degrees off to the right of the F-84's nose - distance still unknown. The general area of these sightings was the extreme northern portion of the Island of Honshu, Japan.

5. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: - The pilot reporting these sightings is a Colonel, possessing long experience in World War II and the Korean theater. Source has held responsible command assignments for some time, and presently commands a Fighter Escort Wing operating under the Japan Air Defense Force. The accuracy of source's statements was consistent despite repetitive interrogation, his sequence of times, locations and descriptions did not vary at any time. Source is stable and thoroughly reliable.

6. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS: - The area in which the sightings were made had the following weather conditions at 1730 hrs Item. 10/10s undercast, from 8,000 to 10,000 ft - brilliant moonlight and visibility of minimum 40 miles; temperature at 35,000 ft was -56 degrees, pressure 210 millibars. Winds aloft reported by Misawa Weather Station were as follows: 27,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 90 knots/ 35,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 70 knots, and at 38,000 ft from 280 degrees, at 200 knots.

7. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS FOR EXPLANATION: - There were no activities of a "met" nature, or any condition which could account for these sightings.

8. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING: - These sightings stand on the strength of the narrative factors as surrendered by the source. There is no physical evidence of the object due to its disappearance on both occasions.

9. INTERCEPTION UNDERTAKEN: - The source, upon sighting this object, called local GCI station on radio telephone, (VHF) and reported what he was observing, GCI instructed this pilot to intercept or identify object which he proceeded to attempt to accomplish. Since initially, he was at 27,000 ft altitude, he climbed to 35,000 ft and levelled off when he saw he was level with the object. During this climb he was heading in a northwesterly direction. For approximately 3 of the 7 minutes of observation, the source was riding 2 miles short of the Mach of his F-84 (.82), as he set up a gradual curve to the west to hit upon a pursuit curve that would close the gap between himself and the object he noted that the object obviously was increasing in size. This closing of the distance continued for about one minute, then the object seemed to increase its "going away" speed and vanished in 30 seconds. At the time of the disappearance, the source had managed to close to a point whereby the object was at eleven o clock to him. Just short of a true stern chase. During the time the pilot was climbing and undertaking a curve toward the object, he exhibited good presence of mind by extinguishing all the lights on his aircraft, i.e., wing tip lights, fuselage lights as well as fluorescent lights within the cockpit . Source admitted he readily decided on this course of action to make certain that he was not getting some reflection from his canopy surface. When all lights were out , he noticed no change in the appearance or brilliance of the object and its color scheme. At the time of losing sight of the object due to its obvious increase in speed, both source and the object were headed due west. Source then took up a mag heading of 160 degrees and flew in a south-easterly direction. After five minutes of flight while on this heading, he noted the object again at 35,000 ft level with him and flying what appeared to be a parallel course to himself. It

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was at approximately 30 degrees to the right of his aircraft's nose section. This time after a bit more than four minutes of observation, (all his navigation lights were on again) the source again tried to set up an interception course by swinging to the right. At this time the object pulled away for the west and disappeared in about five seconds time. It is repeated at this time, that the only tangible point of coincidence noticeable was the short period of time the object required to disappear the second time when the F-84 set up an interception course with all "nav" lights burning - just five seconds. In the first instance, with lights extinguished, he did manage to close considerably, but not knowing the true size of the object, he had no way of knowing just how much of the gap had been successfully closed before the object increased its speed appreciably and disappeared in 30 seconds. Source then returned to the area of his home station, Misawa Air Base and concluded his flight.

10. AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA: - The pilot of this F-84, was originally put on his guard to be watchful of something unusual, by virtue of hearing a radio-telephone transmission from an aircraft calling a radar station on the ground. The R/T call sign used by this aircraft was "Gander", later check revealed that "Gander" callsigns are utilized by an F-94 All Weather unit in this area. At that time the F-94 was reporting his position as being approximately 35 miles south-east of Chitose Air Base, (Hokkaido Island, Japan) the exact contents of his transmission are not recalled, but he did report sighting a "rotating cluster" of lights. This transmission was heard at 1945 hrs Item. The pilot of the F-84 saw the object for the first time some three minutes later. Local intelligence agencies were checking the particulars of the F-94's sightings and it is assumed their findings will be forwarded shortly. Unevaluated reports from neighboring intelligence agencies added the fact that this "rotating cluster" of lights had been seen earlier in the evening by a B-26 aircraft flying in the general area of Misawa Air Base. In addition, similar reports were heard from personnel on duty in the Chitose Air Base Control Tower the same evening.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. The foresight of the source exhibited when he extinguished all the lights on his aircraft, coupled with his persistency in being accurate in reviewing the details of his sightings result in a graphic description of an "object" naturally falling into the family of "unconventional flying objects". It must be added, however, that source's experience and past actions demand attention to this sequence of sightings. This pilot is thoroughly versed in the limitations of flying machines; his attempt to garner all the pertinent information concerning this unknown item was definitely genuine. His ability to reconstruct all the factors common to these sightings was excellent and well organized. The frequency of related sightings of an unevaluated nature further attest to some unconventional flying object active in this general area during the early evening hours of 29 December 1952.

L. J. [illegible]
Major, USAF
Asst. Intelligence Officer

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. The source showed great presence of mind in the investigation of this unidentified object. There was a difference of 25 seconds in the time it took the object to pull away when the source made his two passes at the object, lights "out" and lights "on". Significantly the longer time was taken on the first pass, lights "out" suggesting closer proximity prior to observation by the object, assuming it existed. The fact that there was a full moon, excellent visibility, a clear night, and an undercast furnishes several excellent ingredients for distortion and reflections or refractions in the cockpit. It is a fact that different types of aircraft canopies produce different reflections or refractions of the same object. The reported "cluster of rotating lights" was observed and reported by the source flying an F-84 and by a pilot of an F-94 as well as a B-26. This would tend to lend credence to the observation. The disappearance of the object to the west is considered significant. On the first sighting the curve of pursuit was flown breaking left, on the second pass it was flown breaking right. Were the phenomenon a reflection of the moon off the windshield, it would have disappeared in the opposite direction on the second pass. There are too many indications of the presence of something for the source's remarks to be considered an observation of nothing.

RUSSELL POWELL
Lt. Col., USAF
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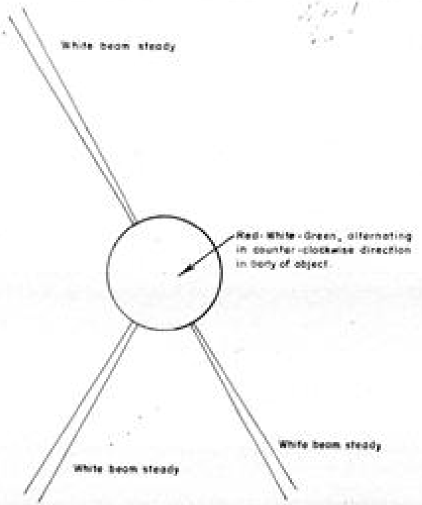
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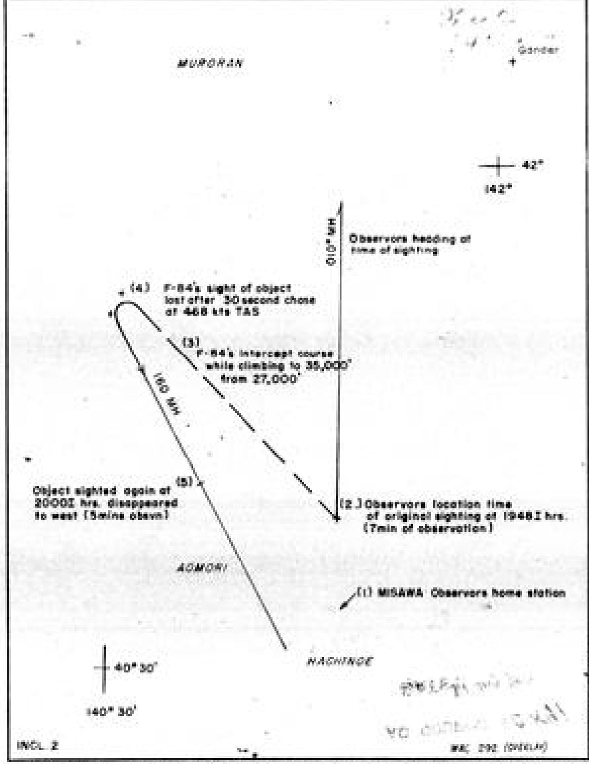

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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON: Northern Honshu

FROM (Agency): I/O, 6016th Air Base Wing, APO 919

DATE OF REPORT: 30 December 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION: 29 December 1952

EVALUATION: F-6

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Wing Intelligence Officer

SOURCE: Capt. Ellsworth D. Sallee, USAF
2nd Lt. Bernard Rivkind, USAF

REFERENCES: IR-1-53, 39th Air Div, dtd 5 Jan 53, IR-4-52, 6016th A.B.Wg. dtd 30 Dec 52, IR-5-52, AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52 6016th A.B.Wg. dtd 30 Dec 52, Reporting number 6016th A.B.Wg. dtd 31 Dec 52

SUMMARY:

Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1940I, 29 December 1952. The object was a light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 2 crew members of an F-94 for about 15 minutes.

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1. **Description of Object:** Object was a brilliant light that appeared to change in color. Color appeared to change in a constant, regular pattern, taking approximately 5 seconds to complete a cycle from red to white to red again. The occlusion of one color by another was a gradual one, moving in a clockwise manner from top to bottom. Object showed both red and white during transition period. The light did not appear to vary its position during the 15 minute observation period, nor did it twinkle as a star does. Object was believed to have been on ground or very low on the horizon, but cloud layers prevented determination of altitude or range. Crew ended observation when vectored to another target by GCI.

2. **Time of Sighting:** At 1940I for about 15 minutes.

3. **Manner of Observation:** Visual, without optical aids from a F-94 aircraft at 20,000 feet at a speed of approximately 230 knots. Airborne radar unable to make contact.

4. **Location of Observer:** At time of sighting, aircraft was orbiting over LJGM 2726. Object was on a bearing of 250°M at a substantial, but undetermined distance from the aircraft. Observers were the pilot and radar observer of an F-94 aircraft.

5. **Identifying Information on Observers:** Observers were a Senior Pilot, Captain, who is a combat veteran with 11 years rated experience and a 2nd Lt. Radar Observer with 10 months rated experience. Since both observers are members of a transient unit it is impossible to judge their reliability.

6. **Weather:** Clear to broken with tops at approximately 8,000 feet. Moon was full and visibility was unlimited over clouds. Winds 55-65 knots from 280° at 20,000 feet.

7. **Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting:** There are numerous marine lights along the Honshu and Hokkaido coast adjacent to the Tsugaru Strait, one of which is a group occulting white and red sector lights at LJGM 0143.

8. **Physical Evidence:** Negative.

9. **Interception:** Aircraft was under control of GCI on another mission so it did not attempt interception.

10. **Air Traffic:** Other traffic in the general area included.

a. One F-94 flying in Chitose area. Reported position at 1944I was 25 miles southeast of Chitose heading to Misawa. This aircraft also reported unusual light.

b. One F-84 flying Misawa Air Base area. This aircraft also reported seeing unusual light.

c. An unidentified radar track faded at 1857I 12 miles east of Chitose.

d. One B-26 reported sighting of unusual light at 1939I while at LJGM 3214.

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Reference IR 2-52 and IR 3-52, 6016th Air Base Wing.

Naval liaison, this headquarters, advises of no unusual naval activity in vicinity of sighting area which might tie in with this object sighting.

20th Weather Squadron suggest some interesting planet and weather factors which might well explain a phenomena incident to this sighting.

The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could very well appear to "move" in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

At 30° North Latitude on the night of 29 December 1952, VENUS at 1900I was located in an azimuth position of 240° at 30° above the horizon. Between 1900I and 2100I this planet moved from 240° at 30° to a 260° azimuth position at 5° above the horizon. This movement could explain the noticeable dip into the horizon.

This phenomena could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting.

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STATEMENT

On 29 December 1952, I was the pilot of a night-scrambled F-94, orbiting ZJON 2726 in a visual port orbit when both my radar observer and myself saw a brilliant light which was apparently below the altitude of 20,000' where we were flying. The light was unusual, both because of its intensity and because it was constantly and regularly changing color from red to white. Therefore I rolled out of my orbit and placed the light in line with my nose, taking a magnetic reading from my slave gyro compass of 266°. Upon further observation, I decided that the light was not moving or if it was, the distance was so great that there was no apparent movement. From 1940Z until about 1955Z, when Gestapo gave me a vector of 90°, I observed the light and saw no break in the position or pattern of the light pulsation. It was definitely not a flashing light, but rather one which had a rythmic change of color from red to white to red, from top to bottom, the cycle of which took perhaps 3 seconds, but I didn't think to time it. The light was either large enough or close enough that it didn't appear to twinkle as a star does. The color change not only took place in a transition from top to bottom, but appeared also to rotate in a clockwise direction. There were no other lights at all in the vicinity of the reported light. In my opinion the light was either on the ground or so far away it appeared to be on the ground.

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STATEMENT

We were making a tight orbit over Columbus (ZJON 2726) at 20,000' awaiting a target when we noticed a bright light at 1940Z. The light seemed to be a ground beacon, but we were unable to ascertain an altitude of it due to a cloud layer below us. When first noticed it was thought to be a star or planet, but the change of color was too definite. The light remained at what appeared to be a constant position. The color change was from red to white and back to red. The change was very regular, and seemed to be half red and half white at the same time. After we decided it was not a planet, I requested the pilot take a heading on it. We rolled out of our port orbit, pointing the nose of the aircraft directly at the light. The magnetic heading was 266°. The light remained in view until we broke out of our orbit point to intercept a stranger coming from Louisville (ZJON 3948). When we left the orbit our heading was 090° and the time was 1955Z.

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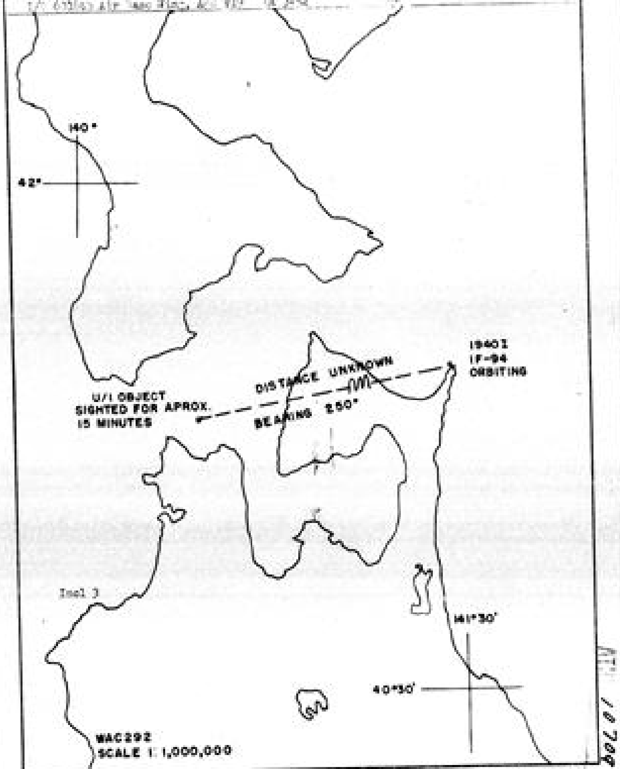

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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

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FROM (AGENCY): I/O, 6016th Air Base Wing, APO 919

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PREPARED BY (OFFICER): 2nd Lt. Donald L. Ewart, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer
SOURCE: 1st Lt. Vartan A. Gulaian, USAF
2nd Lt. Bedford O. Leddy Jr., USAF

REFERENCES: IR-3-52, 39th Air Div, dtd 7 Jan 53, IR-3-52, 6016th A.B.Wg, dtd 30 Dec 52, IR-3-52, AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52 6016th A.B.Wg dtd 30 Dec 52, Reporting number/6016th A.B.Wg. dtd 31 Dec 52

Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1915I, 29 December 1952. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white to light green and was seen by 2 crew members of an F-94 for about 40 minutes.

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1. __Description of Object__: Object was a light similar to a brilliant planet except that it apparently changed in color from red to white to light green and then reversed this sequence. The color change followed a continuous regular pattern with each color appearing for approximately 2 seconds, followed by a one second transition period in which the colors appeared to blend before the next color appeared. The red and white lights were quite intense, but the green was less pronounced. Object appeared to be above the horizon at an approximate level with the observing aircraft which was at 20,000 feet. Although the color of the lights apparently changed, the position of the object did not appear to vary during the 40 minute observation period. Observers were unable to estimate size or range of object. Aircraft lost sight of object at approximately LFGM3050 when object appeared to sink into clouds at undetermined range.

2. __Time of Sighting__: Initial sighting took place at approximately 1915I, but aircraft was on another mission and only noticed object intermittently until 1944I. From 1944I, until visual contact was lost at 1955I, observers focused full attention on object.

3. __Manner of Observation__: Visual without optical aid from a F-94 aircraft at 20,000 feet at a speed of 280 knots. Airborne radar unable to make contact.

4. __Location of Observer__: At the beginning of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately LFGM4132. Object first sighted on western horizon at some distance from aircraft, but crew was too intent upon assigned mission to pay particular attention to object. Object sighted intermittently in same approximate position while aircraft flew search pattern in NE and SE areas. After discontinuing search at 1944I, aircraft was approximately 25 miles SE and on a bearing of 150°M from Chitose, heading to Misawa. The object, on a bearing of 250°M, was observed by both pilot and radar observer of F-94.

5. __Identification Information on Observers__: Observers were a 1st Lt. pilot with 10 months rated experience as a pilot and 7 years experience as a Radar Observer-Navigator, and a 2nd Lt. Radar Observer with 7 months rated experience. Since both observers are members of a transient unit their reliability cannot be adequately determined.

6. __Weather__: Clear to scattered with a few broken clouds north of the Tsugaru Straits. Tops at approximately 7,000 feet. There was a full moon and visibility was unlimited above clouds. Winds were 55 to 65 knots from 280°.

7. __Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting__: There are numerous marine lights along the Honshu and Hokkaido coast adjacent to the Tsugaru Strait, one of which is a group occulting white and red sector light at LFGM0143.

8. __Physical Evidence__: None

9. __Interception__: Aircraft was low on fuel at completion of search mission and unable to attempt interception.

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10. __Air Traffic__: Traffic in the general area included:

a. One F-94 aircraft orbiting area LFGM5327. Crew reported sighting unusual light from this position at 1940I.

b. One F-84 aircraft flying Misawa Air Base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light.

c. There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857I, 12 miles East of Chitose.

d. One B-26 reported sighting of unusual light at 1739I while at LFGM3214.

D/I Japan Air Defense Force Comment:

Reference IR 3-52 and IR 4-52, 6016th Air Base Wing.

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STATEMENT

I was the pilot on the F-94, and 2nd Lt. Bedford O. Kaddy was my radar observer on a scramble from Misawa Air Base, Japan, at 1842I on 29 December 1952. We were vectored to the Chitose Air Base area after an unidentified ground radar track. When we arrived in the Chitose Air Base area the ground radar track had faded and we were requested to contact Chitose tower concerning their aircraft traffic. Chitose tower reported no aircraft traffic, but were obtaining visual observations on two unidentified objects which were described as flashing horizontal red and vertical green. These objects were estimated southeast, and east, of Chitose Air Base at a range of 30 miles and altitude of 5000' to 10,000'. We were requested by GCI to institute a search for these objects at 1913I, and we did so in a rectangular search pattern from altitudes of 20,000' to 12,000'. We made no observations in the designated area, but did notice a very bright object in the west, slightly above the horizon, that resembled a planet. This object had a definite color shading, varying from a reddish color to a white color to a greenish color in a regular sequence. The main reason my attention was attracted to this object, which I had considered to be a planet, was its similarity to the objects reported in the east and southeast by Chitose tower.

I again contacted Chitose tower requesting further information on their sightings, but the tower again gave the same report, definitely placing their sightings in the east and southeast. I continued my search for these primary objects, without visual or radar contact, until 1944I when I reached my minimum fuel. At that time, because of the marked resemblance of the object in the west to the object of my search, I took a bearing on the object and reported it to GCI. I was approximately 25 miles from Chitose Air Base at that time (1944I) on a magnetic bearing of 330° to the base, and the magnetic bearing to the object was 250°. I was unable to estimate the range, except that it was beyond the 15 nautical mile range of our airborne radar equipment, but the object appeared level with my altitude of 20,000', slightly above the horizon. At this time there was a definite changing of colors, from reddish to white to greenish, the individual colors lasting about 2 seconds, and the transition between colors lasting about one second. I at that time proceeded to Misawa Air Base on a magnetic heading of 215° at 20,000', and observed the object in its same relative position until 1955I. At that time I spent approximately 15 seconds checking my cockpit. When I checked for the object again, at that time, it was not in sight and I was unable to reestablish visual contact with it. I landed at Misawa Air Base at 2020I.

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STATEMENT

I was the Radar Observer on the F-94 which sighted unusual lights 29 December 1952. After contacting Chitose tower at 1913I we searched the area east and southeast of Chitose for reported flashing red horizontal and green vertical lights. We found nothing in this area either visually or by radar. During this entire search we had noticed what appeared to be an obvious planet in the west. We were compelled to return to Misawa due to lack of fuel at approximately 1944I. At this time we noticed this light in the west and thought possibly it might have been what the Chitose tower saw as it was a flashing red and white and green light planet-like appearance except for the color. It was a bright light changing red to white to pale green at about our same altitude which was at that time 20,000'. We reported this to GCI and took magnetic bearings with our aircraft. We determined we were 25 miles from Chitose on a magnetic bearing of 330° and this object was at a magnetic bearing of 250° from us. We observed this light for 11 minutes and there was no apparent change in its azimuth and elevation. We had previously told GCI we were unable to investigate due to low fuel. At 1955I the lights appeared to fade below the clouds and that was our last contact with it. We could not estimate any distance except that it was more than 15 miles from us as our radar would have picked it up had it been closer. It appeared to be a planet but the changing of colors and the Chitose towers report of unusual lights prompted us to make a more than casual observation of this light.

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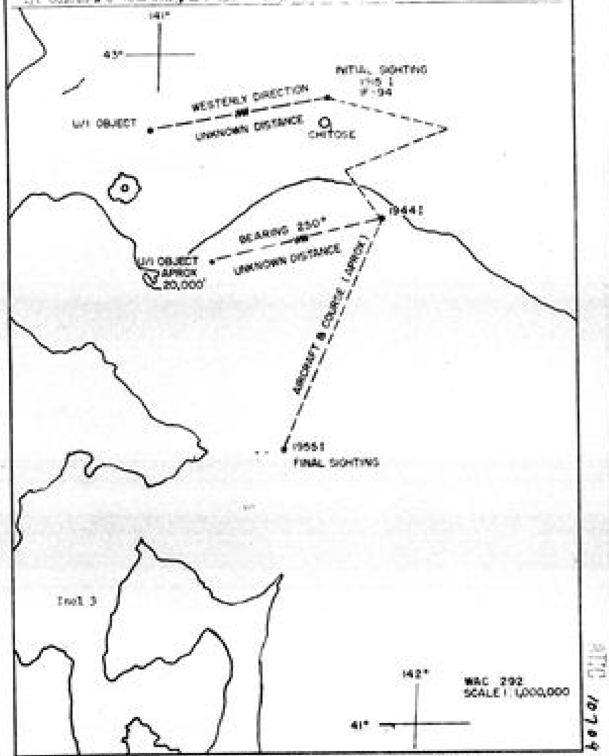

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Following is a report of an aerial sighting of an unidentified flying object near Misawa, Japan at 1939I, 29 December 1952. The object was a brilliant light that changed in color from red to white and was seen by 2 crew members of a B-26 for approximately 5 to 7 minutes.

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1. Description of Object: Object was a brilliant light that underwent a continuing change in color from red to white to red. During transition period from one color to another, one observer saw quick flashes of yellow, blue and green light. The white and red phases were particularly intense. The light appeared to be moving at a speed equivalent to that of the aircraft at approximately 40 - 70 nautical miles SW of aircraft. Object seemed to be descending slowly and moving to west, finally disappearing in clouds. No means of propulsion, exhaust trails, or aerodynamic features observed.

2. Time of Sighting: Approximately 1939I for five to seven minutes.

3. Manner of Observation: Visual without optical aid from a B-26 aircraft at 10,000 feet at a speed of approximately 200 knots.

4. Location of Observer: At the beginning of the sighting, aircraft was at approximately LJGN 3214. Object was on an approximate bearing of 250°M and appeared to be at 10,000 feet altitude. Object seemed to be over the Tsugaru Straits. Both observers were in the cockpit of the B-26 which was flying a heading of 190°M.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: Observers were two pilots, both Majors and each with over 10 years flying experience. No navigator was along on the flight and only a sketch log was kept. Most of the bearings, times and positions are therefore approximations.

6. Weather: Clear to broken with tops at approximately 8,000 feet. Bright moonlight and visibility unlimited above clouds. Winds approximately 55 knots from 280°.

7. Other Activity Which Might Explain Sighting: There are numerous lights (marine) along the Honshu and Hokkaido coasts adjacent to the Tsugaru Straits, one of which is a group occulting white and red sector light at LJGN 0143.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception: Flying ADX mission, so no attempt made to intercept.

10. Air Traffic: Other traffic in the general area included:

(1) One F-94 aircraft which also reported an unusual light. Aircraft was flying in Chitose area and at 1944I was approximately 25 miles SE Chitose heading toward Misawa.

(2) One F-94 aircraft orbiting area LJGN 2527. Crew reported unusual lights sighted from this position at 1940I.

(3) One F-84 aircraft flying Misawa Air Base area. This aircraft also reported sighting unusual light.

(4) There was an unidentified radar track that disappeared at 1857I 12 miles east of Chitose.

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D/I Japan Air Defense Force Comments:

Reference IR 3-52 and IR 4-52, 6016th Air Base Wing.

Naval liaison, this headquarters, advises of no unusual naval activity in vicinity of sighting area which might tie in with this object sighting.

20th Weather Squadron suggest some interesting planet and weather factors which might well explain a phenomena incident to this sighting.

The planet VENUS is at maximum magnitude at this time of year, appearing white and very bright. The planet MARS is predominantly red. Both planets assume approximately the same relative position late in December, and from a great distance could very well appear to "move" in a circular motion due to the refraction effect of atmospheric conditions near the horizon.

At 30° North latitude on the night of 29 December 1952, VENUS at 1900I was located in an azimuth position of 240° at 30° above the horizon. Between 1900I and 2100I this planet moved from 240° at 30° to a 260° azimuth position at 5° above the horizon. This movement could explain the noticeable dip into the horizon.

This phenomena could provide a possible explanation for this type of sighting.

CHESTER H. MORNEAU
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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STATEMENT

I was pilot of B-26 call sign Pincher "T" the night of 29 December 1952. Inbound to Misawa on a simulated bombing mission at 10,000 ft. I saw a brilliant white light just above my altitude approximately 40 miles away 30° to the right of my course (190° M). At the time we were just south of the coast of Hokkaido between Chitose and Misawa. The light was large and brilliant, changing color from white to deep red, and appeared to be moving west. We observed the light for approximately 7 minutes before it disappeared, seeming to drop into the clouds.

EDWARD F. ASHLEY AO-434876
Major, USAF
6016th Air Base Wing

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STATEMENT

At approximately 1940I on the night of 29 December 1952, I was flying on a heading of 190° enroute back to Misawa from Hokkaido. My altitude was 10,000 feet. I was flying in the co-pilots seat of a B-26 with Major Ashley as pilot. We were approximately 44 nautical miles from Shiriya-Saki, due north, when we spotted an object approximately 50-70 miles west of us at about our same altitude moving at what looked to be a parallel course to our B-26. It, the object, had a bright red light showing and all of a sudden switched to a white light. This alternating took place several times before the object disappeared. We intercepted a call on the radio from an F-94 flying in the vicinity of the object but do not know whether the pilot intercepted the object or not. Nothing was distinguishable about the object except the lights. We witnessed the object for about 5 minutes before it disappeared. Weather at the time was broken to solid overcast at 8,000 feet but visibility was unlimited at 10,000 feet, our assigned altitude. We completed our tracking mission and participated in one interception problem before landing at 2245I. The incident was reported to the interrogator upon landing.

Andrew J. Wood
ANDREW J. WOOD AO-667897
Major, USAF
6016th Air Base Wing

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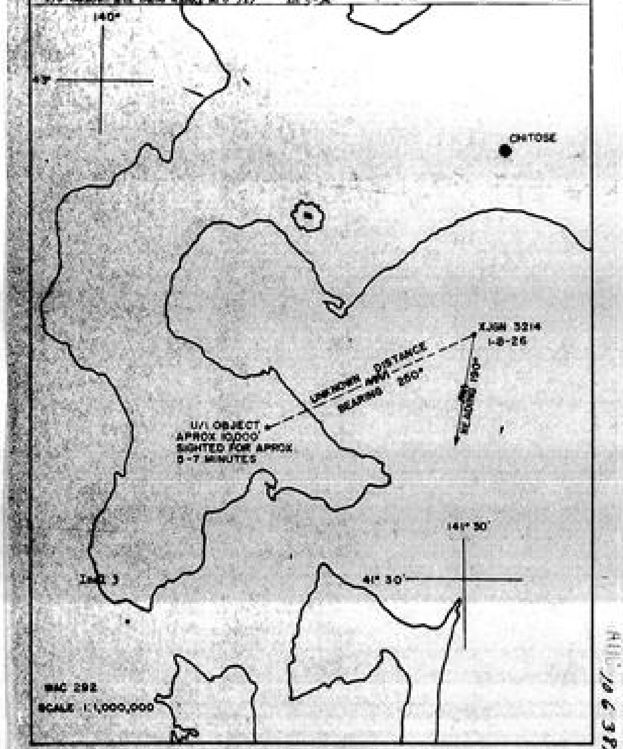

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PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
2d Lt Harold E. Hawthorne, USAF Assistant D/I	A/3c Galloway, Lt. Seal, A/1c Popajol, A/3c Oila, Lt. Simmons -- USAF	

REFERENCES: AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52, IR's 3-52, 4-52, 5-52; Rept of 2 Jan 53 by 27th Ftr-Esc Wg

SUMMARY:

Following is a report of aerial sightings of unidentified flying objects near Chitose Air Force Base, Japan, at 1930I, 29 December 1952. The objects were circular, ferris wheel disc type with rotational red, green and white lights. Objects were observed for varying times, ranging from 30 minutes to 3 hours. There were five different witnesses of these unidentified objects.

APPROVED:

Hugh E. McCall
HUGH E. McCALL
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

D/I Japan Air Defense Force Comment:

Reference IR-1-53, 39th Air Division (Defense).

Initial interpretation of IR-1-53 suggests that attached series of ground sightings might possibly be the result of a refraction effect of atmospheric conditions on the light from heavenly bodies.

CHESTER H. MORHEAD
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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1. Statement of A/3c Galloway
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1. Description of Object: Objects sighted all conformed to one general description -- that of being a ferris wheel type of disc with rotating lights. The object would change utilizing the colors green, red and white. It appeared to rotate horizontally, as well as vertically, thereby giving the observer the impression of a ferris wheel with alternate lighted seats. The objects were sighted in a vertical position but after some unknown time appeared to tilt some 45° to 60° relative to the horizon. The objects were initially sighted by base operations personnel and binoculars were utilized for further study. The first object was reported to be east of Chitose, approximately 60° above the horizon. No estimate of distance was given. The second object was sighted some 15 minutes later to the southeast of the station, 30° above the horizon. The third object was reported to be northeast of Chitose with no reference to angles above the horizon or distance. The objects were observed for periods of time ranging from 30 minutes to approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes.

2. Time of Sighting: 1st object approximately 1850I.
2nd object approximately 1905I.
3rd object approximately 2000I.

3. Manner of Observation: Initial sighting was visual and night glasses and binoculars were utilized for further study.

4. Location of Observers: Chitose Air Force Base Operations Tower. Coordinates: 42° 48' N/141° 40' E.

5. Identifying Information on Observers: No information is known concerning the background of the observers that would indicate their reliability or knowledge.

6. Weather: 3,000 scattered; 8,000 scattered; ground visibility was six miles with fog to the northeast. From Operations Tower visibility reported unlimited.

7. Other Activity Which Might Explain Sightings: None.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception: No interception.

10. Air Traffic: There were no aircraft in the air from Chitose Air Base at the time of sighting, although an F-94 was in general area on ADC mission.

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STATEMENT

I was on duty in the control tower, Chitose Air Base, 29 December 1952, at 1850I hours. Upon receiving a call from W-1, I scanned the sky to the southeast and east for an object approaching Chitose at a fast speed thought to be a jet type aircraft. While doing this I noticed an object directly east of Chitose which changed colors: red, white and green. It appeared to be rotating horizontally, and would also rotate vertically. It would rotate in a vertical manner, and then tilt to the left to a horizontal position, and then after awhile rise back up to vertical position. When I first saw the object it was dim, then became bright, and then turned dim once again. This was over a period of about three hours. The object was on an angle of approximately 60 degrees above the horizon from the tower. I could not determine the distance. It did not appear to move.

About fifteen minutes after seeing the first object, I noticed a second object of the same type southeast of the station on an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. I estimated the distance to be fifty miles. The same applies to this object as did to the first.

At 2000I hours, I observed a third object of the same type northeast of the station at a low altitude. It was not bright, but appeared to be close. Because of clouds I was only able to observe this object for about thirty minutes. The same applies to this object as to the first and second objects.

The weather conditions were as follows: 3,000 scattered; 8,000 scattered. The ground visibility was six miles with fog to the northeast. From the tower the visibility was unlimited, and the sky almost clear. There were no clouds nor atmospheric conditions in the area which I observed the objects.

I carried on a conversation with the pilot of the F-94, whose call sign was Dancer 42. The gist of the conversation was as follows: I explained to him what we (the other tower operator on duty and myself) had seen. He stated "Roger" and that is all.

The Dog-Fox set in the tower was tuned into Able channel, and the following reports were heard: One F-94 reported that he had an object parallel to him, and three miles west of him, and that it changed colors, red and green. One reported that he had an object 500 feet above him.

Shortly after 2000I hours, I observed a white flash going toward the ground. It was east of the control tower, and appeared to be very near.

On December 31, 1952, at 0320I hours, I was scanning the sky with binoculars. I noticed a star which seemed to change colors red, white, and green as I passed over it with the binoculars. Upon experimenting I found that by moving the binoculars up and down, and sidewards, I could make the star spin vertically and horizontally, and change colors; red, white and green. When I held the binoculars still the star was stationary, and white in color. I do not believe this was the same object or objects which I observed on 29 December 1952. I could only get this effect from two stars, one was southeast on an angle of approximately 50 degrees above the horizon, and the other was southwest on an angle of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon.

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A/3c, USAF
6018th Air Base Squadron

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S T A T E M E N T

I went up to the tower and listened to the conversation between the F-94 pilot and the control tower. The pilot said that he saw an object over the lake. About two minutes later the tower called in for his altitude. He replied 34,000 feet. A few seconds later he said that he was 500 feet above the object. The object had bright red and green lights flashing. Approximately thirty seconds later, the pilot stated that the object was about three miles off of his wing tip. Several minutes later the pilot said the object was growing smaller and going to the north. I do not know the name of the pilots. This occurred at approximately 1930I hours, 29 December 1952.

I observed an object, through sight glasses, which appeared as a planet. (Venus) It looked like a star with a red and green flicker. It did not move in a vertical or lateral path. This is not the same object that the F-94 was chasing. I did not see the object that the F-94 was chasing.

The weather conditions were clear and visibility unrestricted. There were no clouds in the air.

The object that I observed appeared to be in the east-south-east. I can not tell whether the object appeared to be a ferris wheel or whether the object appeared to rotate.

LEON C. SEALE AO-2221751
1st Lt., USAF
6018th Air Base Squadron

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S T A T E M E N T

The following is my own eye witness account of an unidentified object seen in the sky above Chitose Auxiliary Air Base on the night of 29 December 1952.

At 1930I on the 29th of Dec 1952, I was on duty at Base Operations, performing my usual duties. The "hot" line from Misawa ADCC rang and the I.D. man there wanted to know if we had any aircraft southeast of our station. I.D. was tracking an unidentified target southeast of the station, approximately 30 miles from our base heading directly in to us. I informed him that no aircraft existed to my knowledge, but I would check tower.

I called A/3c Callaway, the tower operator on duty, and asked him if they had any aircraft working. He said, "No". I informed ADCC of this. ADCC asked if tower would keep an eye open for an aircraft.

A few minutes later Callaway called and told me he was seeing a very strange sight. He requested that the A.O. and myself come to the tower and look at it.

The A.O., Lt. Simmons, and I went to the tower and using binoculars, we looked at this object. On quick look it was a star, but using the glasses and getting a steady view of it, we saw it was flashing red and green.

I studied it for a full minute. My impression was that it resembled a ferris wheel with a red seat and a green seat. The object was rotating vertically at this time. On my second look a few minutes later the object seemed to slip on a 45° angle with the high side pointing north. It continued in this manner for the rest of the time I viewed it. At one time I personally thought it moved down, a sort of dropping movement, but I may have been wrong for no one else saw this movement.

The sight was clear with a visibility of at least 10 miles. The temperature was about 30° Farenheit. A small wind was noticeable.

Misawa ADCC was on the "hot" line during the whole time and was given a running account of the whole thing.

I have no idea of the altitude or distance of this object from this base.

WILLIAM O. POPAJOL AF 14378083
A/1c, USAF
6018th Air Base Squadron

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STATEMENT

On 29 December 1952, I received a call from [illegible]. They had an object on the radar scope heading directly for Chitose approximately 30 miles south. They believed it to be a jet type aircraft. We went outside the tower and with the naked eye it appeared to be a flashing star, but with the glasses, it had an alternating red and green light. We notified [illegible] of it and they advised us to direct the aircraft to the object that we saw. We gave the aircraft all the information and he "Rogered" us back. About five minutes later the aircraft asked us if we could give any other information. We advised him that the object was still there and he "Rogered" us back.

At this time we observed another object which appeared to be brighter. It appeared to be 30 degrees vertical from the surface. This also appeared to have alternating red and green lights. [illegible] was notified about this. About 2045 hours, [illegible] advised that they had an object on the scope west of Chitose. Tower again saw an object northwest about 30 degrees vertical from the surface. It appeared to be very dim as it gave off the red and green light. The first two objects did not move until about 2115, then the clouds covered them. The third object did not move, but stood there for thirty minutes and then the clouds covered it. We could not tell the distance.

The weather conditions were the same as A/2c [illegible] mentioned.

About one month ago we had observed objects that were not reported. One was to the northeast about 2000 hours that night. I thought that it was an aircraft on [illegible]. It did not move for about fifteen minutes. It gave off a red and green light. I had forgotten about the object, but I became curious and about [illegible] hours it appeared to have shifted to the east at a very high altitude, although I had observed it for about fifteen more minutes and it still did not move. I thought it to be a star. About a week later, I saw an object that appeared to be the same to the east at a very high altitude, about 45 degrees up from the surface. It did not move, but gave off the red and green light.

Referring back to the incident on the 29th of December 1952, the aircraft was 30,000 feet and I heard him mention the word "flying". I can not describe the object because it was too small. It was more or less just a flashing ray.

ROBERT J. [illegible], JR. AF [illegible]
A/3c USAF
[illegible] AACS

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STATEMENT

On 29 December 1952, while working as AO at Chitose Air Force Base, I went to the control tower of that base. Prior to going to the tower, [illegible] had reported unknown aircraft flying southeast of this station and requested to be advised as to whether or not we had any aircraft flying southeast in that area. There were no aircraft in the air from this installation.

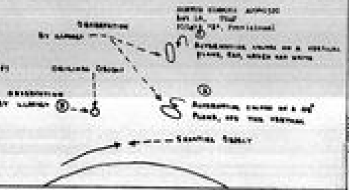
The Chitose tower attempted to contact aircraft by VHF, with a negative result. The tower operator called my attention to an object which appeared to be a star. The object was [illegible] of the tower. I observed this object through eight glasses and it appeared to have a very rapid color change. The colors were quite vivid. The colors were red, green and white. While I observed the object, it did not appear to travel either laterally or vertically. I could not estimate the distance nor the altitude.

The existing weather conditions at the time of my observation were as follows: Ceiling unlimited, visibility unlimited, no clouds. The temperature at ground level was approximately [illegible] degrees Fahrenheit. After observing this object from the tower, I left and contacted 1st Lt. [illegible]. While we were observing the object from the ground without glasses, an object which appeared to be a shooting star traveling from north to south, appeared between the horizon and the object we were observing. The second object left a trail.

The original star I observed appeared to be a vertical [illegible]. It resembled a ferris wheel with alternating red, white, and green lighting areas. After a few minutes of observation, the predominate colors were red and green. After observing the object for a few minutes longer, it appeared to tilt to the left approximately 45 degrees. I did not see the object tilt, but did observe it in both positions.

Time: 2040 to 2105; 29 December 1952.

[illegible] [illegible], AO[illegible]
1st Lt. USAF
Flight "D", Provisional



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STATEMENT

At approximately 2030I (1130Z) 29 December 1952 the following planets were visible at Chitose as indicated according to the American Air Almanac, September - December 1952:

a. Venus on Western horizon about 17 degrees above the Southern horizon.

b. Mars near western horizon about 23 degrees above the Southern horizon.

c. Jupiter slightly east of the South about 57 degrees above the Southern horizon.

Further information can not be furnished due to the fact that there are no trained astronomers assigned to this detachment.

[illegible], Jr.
Captain, USAF
Commanding

Incl #6

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP
02/0346Z
1 Feb 53 2/0330Z

2. LOCATION
Terre Haute, Ind.

3. SOURCE
AF Pilot

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
Not Reported

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Air-Visual

7. COURSE
Descending

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION
Prob
Astro (JUPITER)

Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azmuth.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Moving lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. More lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 02/0346Z 1 Feb 53 2/0333Z	2. LOCATION Terre Haute, Ind.
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION 1. Acft 2. Astro (JUPITER) [illegible] Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azimuth.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Moving lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. More lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ZEN/CG 30TH AIR DIV DEF WILLOW RUN APRT BELLEVILLE MICH

/[redacted] INT 0192 ATTN: ATIAA-2C FLYOBRPT (1) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OR OBJECTS REPRESENTED BY MOVING LIGHTS PD LIGHTS CHANGED COLOR FROM RED TO BLUE TO GREEN TO YELLOW PD FIRST SEEN AT ANGELS THIRTY (30,000 ft) DROPPED TO ANGELS FIFTEEN (15,000) AND DISAPPEARED PD (2) SIGHTED ONCE AT 02 0333Z AND AGAIN AT 02 0346Z PD (3) OBSERVED (16 min.) VISUALLY FROM AIR CMA SPEED OF AIRCRAFT 300 KNOTS INDICATED CMA ANGELS THIRTY CMA TYPE OF AIRCRAFT T-33 PD (4) OBSERVER WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 - 10 MILES WEST OF TERRE HAUTE CMA IND ON HEADING OF 270 DEGREES WHEN LIGHTS WERE SIGHTED APPROX 40 MILES AWAY AT 12 OCLOCK PD LATER SIMILAR LIGHTS SIGHTED WHEN SAME AIR CRAFT WAS 100 MILES SOUTH OF ST LOUIS CMA NO PD LIGHTS AT THIS TIME WERE MOVING

1. acft & S.L.
2. later acft

40 miles
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A/C

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AROUND SEARCHLIGHTS PD (5) LT WITHAM OF THIS STATION WAS MONITORING DOG CHANNEL AND HEARD AIRCRAFT CALLING TERRE HAUTE RADIO PD AIRCRAFT WAS IDENTIFIED LATER AS T-33 CMA AF 4144 FROM TRUAX FIELD CMA MADISON CMA WISC PD (6) WEATHER AT TIME OF SECOND SIGHTING CLR 300 DEGREES CMA 5 - 10 CMA SCATTERED (7) NO RADAR CONTACT AT ANY TIME WITH AIRCRAFT OR OBJECT SIGHTED PD (8) UNKNOWN (9) UNKNOWN (10) UNKNOWN PD END

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1 February 1953

Terre Haute, Indiana

I. Description of Incident

A military aircraft on a 270° heading 10 miles west of Terre Haute sighted a close group of moving lights changing color from red to blue, to green to yellow. The pilot estimated their altitude to range between 30,000 ft. to 15,000 ft. flying in a manner similar to conventional aircraft. Searchlights from the St. Louis area seemed to be following the unidentified lights. The time of sighting was about 2130 EST.

II. Discussion of Incident

ATIC made a check on local aircraft and found that there were many commercial and military flights in and out of St. Louis at the approximate time of sighting. It is possible that searchlights from St. Louis picked up one of these aircraft. The observing aircraft was 300 miles away from St. Louis which probably accounts for the changing color of lights.

III. Conclusion

~~Possibly aircraft.~~

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP

02/0346Z
1 Feb 53 2/0330Z

2. LOCATION

Terre Haute, Ind.

3. SOURCE

AF Pilot

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

Not Reported

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Air-Visual

7. COURSE

Descending

8. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

1. Acft
2. Astro (JUPITER) maybe!

Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azmuth.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

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[illegible]/CG [illegible]

/[redacted] [illegible] (1) UNIDENTI-

FIED FLYING OBJECT [illegible]

IGHTS CHANGED COLOR [illegible]

30,000 ft 15,000

SEEN AT ANGELS THIRTY DROPPED TO ANGELS FIFTEEN AND DISAPPEARED [illegible]

(2) SIGHTED ONCE AT 02330Z AND AGAIN AT 02346Z PD (3) OBSERVED 16 min.

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APPROXIMATELY 5 - 10 MILES WEST OF TERRE HAUTE CMA IND ON HEADING OF

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1. acft to SL.
2. later sight —

40 miles
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CMA WISC PD (6) WEATHER AT TIME OF SECOND SIGHTING CLR [illegible] DEGREES

CMA 8 - 100 CMA SCATTERED (7) NO RADAR CONTACT AT ANY TIME WITH AIR-

CRAFT OR OBJECT SIGHTED PD (8) UNKNOWN (9) UNKNOWN (10) UNKNOWN PD END

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Terre Haute, Indiana 1 February 1953

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II. Discussion of Incident

ATIC made a check on local aircraft and found that there were many commercial and military flights in and out of St. Louis at the approximate time of sighting. It is possible that searchlights from St. Louis picked up one of these aircraft. The observing aircraft was 100 miles away from St. Louis which probably accounts for the changing color of lights.

III. Conclusion

~~Possibly aircraft.~~

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6 Feb 1953 Rosalia, Washington
Air Visual BALLOON

1. DATE - TIME GROUP

6 Feb 53 6/0913Z

2. LOCATION

Rosallia, Washington (20 Min S. Spokane)

3. SOURCE

AF Pilot

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

3-5 Min.

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Air-Visual

7. COURSE

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8. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

☐ Yes
☒ No

10. CONCLUSION

BALLOON

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

Round white light traveled at an est speed of 150-200 knots at approx 7000' alt. Maneuvers consisted of circling several times, flashing on & off, noticeable increase in speed, and disappearing in a S direction. Object was observed by pilot of B-36 a/c.

COMMENTS: 1. Weather balloon probably in the area of sighting from Griger Field Weather Bureau. See incident folder for explanation.

2. Weather records show balloon released from Geiger Field not Fairchild at 0900Z. Was lost in the clouds after rising to 3,000'. Could have very easily caused the sighting.

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Rosalia, Washington 6 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

A B-36 aircraft was in flight in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, when one round white omnidirectional light was sighted at 0913Z time. The light was at an altitude of approximately 7,000 ft. on a southeast course circling and rising as it proceeded. It was visually observed for a period of three to five minutes. The B-36 made 180° descending turn toward the light which was estimated to be moving at a speed of 150 to 200 knots. The aircraft was inbound to Spokane 15 miles out and located over Rosalia, Washington.

II. Discussion of Incident

ATIC determined that a scheduled piball balloon released at 0900Z from the U.S. Weather Bureau Station at Fairchild AFB was in the immediate area of sighting. The sighting was from Rosalia which is 12.5 nautical miles S.E. of Fairchild AFB and to place a balloon in the area of the sighting winds would have to be out of the N.E. Winds aloft at 7,000 to 10,000 ft. were from 270° to 280° at 50 knots per hour. Therefore, by computation, it would take approximately 15 minutes for the balloon to be carried to Rosalia by the existing winds. Since the unidentified object was sighted13 minutes after the balloon launch time, and the description (climbing, orbitting, balloons carry white running lights) closely parallels the maneuvers of a balloon, ATIC concludes that the object probably was the piball weather balloon. All local air fields were checked by McChord AFB and no aircraft were in the area at the time of observation other than the B-36.

III. Conclusion

Probably balloon.

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McChord AFB, Wash

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Priority

Director of Intelligence
Hq USAF
Wash, D. C.

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Air Technical Intelligence Center
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Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

06/0134 PST
Rosalia, Wash

Commanding General
Ent AFB
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Commander
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Wash, D. C.

Commander
MATS
ATTN: Intelligence Div
Wash, D. C.

FSC 06-B-2. FLYOBRPT [redacted]

A. One round light; size unkn; white; aerodynamic features unkn, no exhaust trail, no observed propulsion system; speed 150 to 200 knots; no sound was heard; flew south bound under AF 2708 B-36 at aprx 7000 ft, circled several times turned south heading 182 degrees Magnetic. Light commenced flashing 1 to 2 second intervals with noticeable increase of speed and disappeared on southerly heading.

B. Obj sighted 0134PST, 6 Feb 53, for aprx 3 to 5 minutes.

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McChord AFB, Wash

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FSC 06-B-2. FLYOBRPT - [redacted] - CONT'D

C. Manner of obs was visual from the air by a B-36, speed 150 to 200 knots at 7000 ft, visual obs only.

D. Obj sighted at 47 degrees 20 minutes North, 115 degrees 30 minutes West, vicinity of Rosalia, Wash. AF 2708, B-36 inbound on south course of Spokane Range, 10 to 15 miles from sta descending fr 10,000 ft to 7000 ft, sighted obj approaching fr the North, dir of flt AF 2807 001 degrees magnetic. Dir of flt of obj aprx 182 degrees magnetic, altitude of obj aprx 7000 ft.

E. Major Leo J Moffatt, AO 758603, 327th Bomb Sqd, Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Wash. Obs considered reliable.

F Weather: Fairchild AFB, Wash. measured 1200 ft broken, 9000 overcast, visibility 15 miles. Light drizzle, winds aloft 270 degrees, 50 knots, 10000 ft.

G. No known conditions would account for sighting.

H. Photographs: None

I. Pilot of AF 2708 made 180 degree descending toward obj after turning toward light, the light started circling then headed south commencing to blink.

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McChord AFB, Wash

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J. A check with all agencies in this area indicates no other acft should have been in that vicinity.

K. Pilot of AF 2708 contacted at Fairchild AFB Operations.

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Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near Spokane, Washington

State of Washington, USA

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

12 February 1953 6 February 1953 B-2

Frank M. Allen, Lt Colonel, USAF Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603

Teletype FLYOBRPT 061800Z February by McChord Flight Service Center

B-36 number AF 2708 was in flight in the vicinity of Spokane, Washington, 6 February 1953, when one round white light was sighted, approaching AF 2708 from the North. The light was at an altitude of approximately 7,000 feet, on a south bound course, when it passed AF 2708. AF 2708 made a descending 180° turn toward the light, which was moving at about 150 to 200 knots. The light circled several times, then turned to a course of approximately 182° magnetic, began to flash at one to two second intervals, its speed increased noticeably, and it disappeared on a Southerly course.

The light was sighted at 0134PST, by Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603, 327th Bombardment Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington, from aboard AF 2708, and was visually observed for approximately three to five minutes. AF 2708 was inbound, approximately 10 to 15 miles out on the South leg of the Spokane radio range (inbound course 1° magnetic), at the time of the sighting, descending from 10,000 to 7,000 feet. During sighting aircraft turned to proceed toward Rosalia, Washington (47°20'N, 117° 30'W).

Weather report for Fairchild Air Force Base at time of sighting: Ceiling measured 1,200 feet, overcast above at 9,000 feet, visibility 15 miles, light drizzle, and wind at 10,000 feet above the surface from 270° at 50 knots.

Check of all area agencies revealed no aircraft which should have been in the area. No known conditions would account for the sighting.

Wind can't change 180° within 3,000 ft. apart:

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FRANK M. ALLEN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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Washington 25, D. C.

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The following teletype report was received from McChord Flight Service Center, McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Washington:

FSC 06-B-2. FLYOBRPT ATTN: ATIAA-2C at Wright-Patterson AFB, ATTN: Intelligence Division at Washington D. C.

A. One round light: size unknown: white: aerodynamic features unknown, no exhaust trail, no observed propulsion system: speed 150 to 200 knots: no sound was heard: flew south bound under AF 2708 B-36 at approximately 7,000 feet, circled several times, turned south heading 182° magnetic. Light commenced flashing 1 to 2 second intervals with noticeable increase of speed and disappeared on southerly heading.

B. Object sighted 0134PST, 6 February 1953, for approximately 3 to 5 minutes.

C. Manner of observation was visual from the air by a B-36, speed 150 to 200 knots at 7,000 feet, visual observation only.

D. Object sighted at 47° 20 minutes north, 115° 30 minutes west, vicinity of Rosalia, Washington. AF 2708, B-36 inbound on south course of Spokane Range, 10 to 15 miles from station descending from 10,000 feet to 7,000 feet, sighted object approaching from the north, direction of flight AF 2807 00° magnetic. Direction of flight of object approximately 182° magnetic, altitude of object approximately 7,000 feet.

E. Major Leo J. Moffatt, A0758603, 327th Bombardment Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Washington. Observation considered reliable.

F. Weather: Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington measured 1,200 feet broken, 9,000 overcast, visibility 15 miles. Light drizzle, winds aloft 270°, 50 knots, 10,000 feet.

G. No known conditions would account for sighting.

H. Photographs: None.

I. Pilot of AF 2708 made 180° descending toward object after turning toward light, the light started circling then headed south commencing to blink.

J. A check with all agencies in this area indicates no other aircraft should have been in that vicinity.

K. Pilot of AF 2708 contacted at Fairchild Air Force Base Operations.

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Washington 25, D. C.

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Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Sighting position of 47°21'N, 115°30'W indicated by paragraph D of the teletype message is apparently in error, as this position is approximately 90 statute miles from position indicated by South leg of Spokane radio range and Rosalia, Washington. This position has been resolved to 47°21'N, 117°30'W.

2. Crew position of Major Moffatt, and/or position in AF 2708 at time of sighting, was not indicated.

3. Direction, number, and size of circles by the light, and whether at constant altitude, was not indicated.

4. No variation in intensity of the light, between approach and departure, or during circling, was reported. This indicates that the light was horizontally omnidirectional, instead of focussed like a landing light or jet exhaust glow. It is also noted that although AF 2708 was apparently constantly descending during the sighting, no change in light intensity was caused by this descent. This could indicate vertical omnidirectional light qualities.

5. Manner of disappearance of the light was not reported (whether extinguished, or diminished by distance) but message indicates that it faded due to distance.

6. The area in which sighting occurred is in an Air Defense Identification Zone, and any aircraft or flying objects should have been under radar surveillance. Positive statement that radar sites had not observed the incident is not included.

7. Although teletype message indicates that no propulsion system was observed, the correlation between flashing of the light and its increase in speed could indicate action of a propulsive system.

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Weather Balloons and Saucers

In the early years of the saucer era balloons accounted for some 25 percent of the unidentified flying objects reported to ATIC. The pattern of these sightings is unmistakable, and the identity of balloon and UFO is often certain—as certain as any evidence can be. Nevertheless many such identifications are resolutely rejected by the saucer enthusiasts. It would be pointless to discuss all the UFO reports of this class, but we can summarize a few of the most famous. Major Keyhoe, a leading proponent of the interplanetary hypothesis, describes such a sighting:

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"On February 6, near Rosalia, Washington, a saucer had circled a B-36 bomber. During this maneuver the pilot saw a white light blink at two-second intervals. Before he had time to blink his own light in answer, the machine swiftly turned south and disappeared." [5, p. 240]

No evidence exists that the light was either a "saucer" or a "machine"; a great deal of evidence exists that it was a balloon. Investigators from ATIC determined the following facts:

At 1:13 A.M. on February 6, 1953, the pilot of a B-36 plane bound for Spokane, Washington, was near Rosalia when he sighted a round white light below him, circling and rising at a speed estimated at 150 to 200 knots as it proceeded on a southeast course. The B-36 made an 18-degree descending turn toward the light, which was in view for a period of three to five minutes, but the pilot could not identify it.

At 1 A.M., thirteen minutes before the sighting, the United States Weather Bureau station at Fairchild Air Force Base had released a pibal balloon. Winds aloft at altitudes of 7000 to 10,000 feet were from the northwest with a speed of about fifty knots. Computations showed that the existing winds would have carried the balloon to the southeast, and it would have been over Rosalia, which is 12.5 nautical miles southeast of Fairchild Air Force Base, in about fifteen minutes. The plane sighted the unknown near Rosalia thirteen minutes after the launching. The baloon carried white running lights which accounted for the "blinking" described, and the circling climb of the UFO is typical of a balloon's course. Thus all the evidence supports ATIC's conclusion that the UFO was a weather balloon. [2]

6 February 1953 - Rosalia, Washington B-36 Sighting Analysis:

Piball balloon released at 0900Z from U.S. weather bureau station at ~~Fairchild AFB~~ Geiger Field. Track of balloon ESE.

Sighting was from over Rosalia 12.5 nautical miles SE of Fairchild. Wind at 10,000' was from approximately 270° to 280° blowing SE at 50 knots per hour.

$$\frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{50 \text{ nautical miles}} = \frac{X \text{ min}}{12.5 \text{ N.M.}} = 15$$

or the balloon would have covered the 12.5 nautical miles in 15 minutes.

Which means that the piball released at ~~Fairchild AFB~~ Geiger Field. would have taken approximately 15 minutes to drift to the area of sighting; since the unknown object was sighted at 0913Z and by taking into account the winds aloft, it can be deduced that the object sighted by the B-36 and the piball balloon are probably the same object.

The time difference of 2 minutes can be ignored in that intangible factors such as different wind speeds at various altitudes could cause the difference.

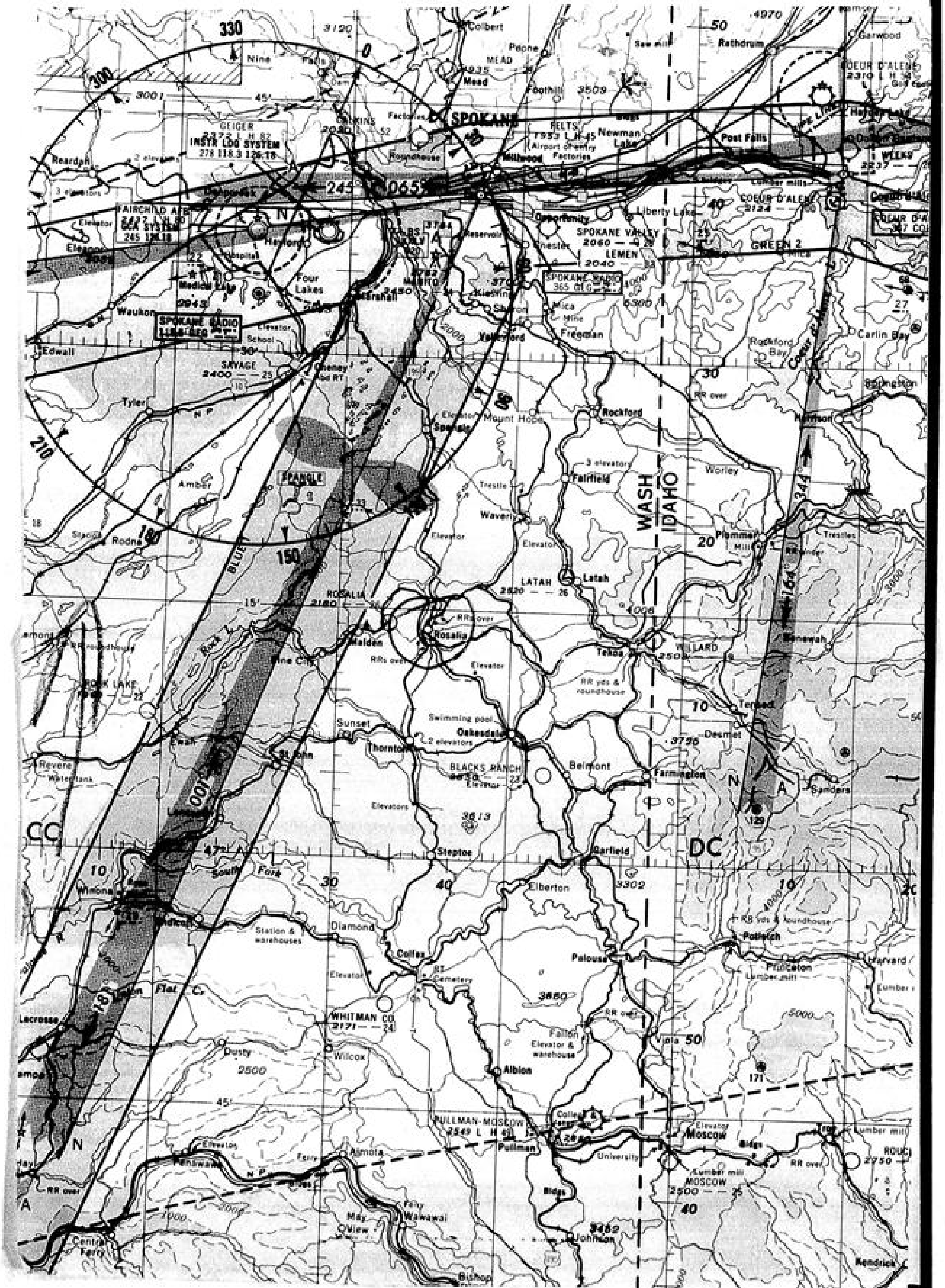
R. Olsson 1/Lt.

Note:

Ascension rate of a 30 gram standard 30 inch diameter pibal is 500 to 600 ft per minute; thus

$$\begin{array}{r} 550 \text{ ft} \\ \underline{15} \text{ minutes} \\ 2750 \\ \underline{550} \\ 8250 \text{ ft} \end{array}$$

the pibal would be at the approximate level (9,000 ft) of the sighting B-36 at 0913 Z.



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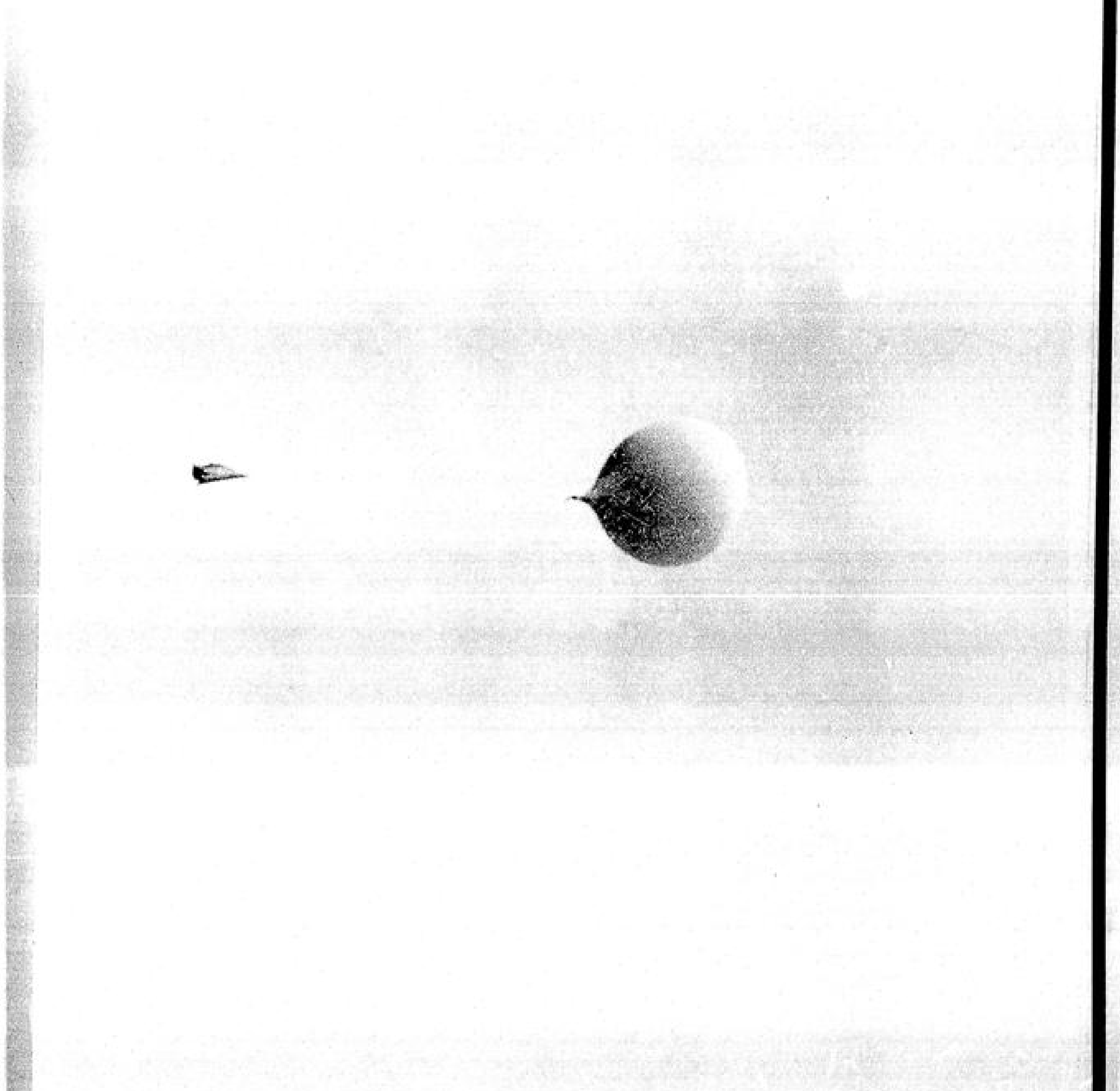

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
6 Feb 53 6/0110Z

2. LOCATION
TRUK, ATOLL (PACIFIC)

3. SOURCE
MILITARY

10. CONCLUSION
POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT

Comments: Obj was size of C-47, C-47 was in area, landing at 0235Z

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
ONE

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
NOT REPORTED

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Bullet shaped shiny obj traveled approx 150 mph at an est alt of 400-500', obj was observed by OIC of Weather Bureau.

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
GROUND VISUAL

7. COURSE
NE

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☐ No

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1953 FEB 9 07:58 ACTION [redacted]

1 Witness

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FLYOBRPT. FOLG MSG RECD FROM WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE TRUK VIA FLEET WEATHER CENTRAL GUAM, DTG 060414Z. "SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT 0110Z BULLET SHAPED IN APPEARANCE MOVING NE ESTD 150 MPH HEIGHT ESTD 4 TO 500 FEET DISTANCE ESTD 3 TO 4 MILES AWAY. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN C47 AIRPLANE WITH NO NOTICEABLE WINGS OR TAIL SECTION. VERY SHINY IN APPEARANCE AS FROM HIGHLY POLISHED METAL. OBSERVED BY OIC OF WEATHER BUREAR TRUK. NORRIS"

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C1 NIGHT MESSAGE [redacted]
FROM ADMIN CINCPACFLT PEARL HAR[redacted]
TO DI USAF HQ WASH DC
ATIC WPAFB OHIO
CG ENT AFB COLORADO
INFO CNO DNI WASH DC
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Guam (Truk Island) 6 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1110 local time an Air Force officer in charge of the Weather Bureau Station on Truk sighted an unidentified bullet-shaped shiny object traveling an estimated 150 mph at an approximate altitude of 400 to 500 ft. three to four miles away. The object appeared to be "slightly larger than a C-47 aircraft" with no noticeable wings or tail section and gave a shiny appearance as if of highly polished metal.

II. Discussion of Incident

A check with Guam flight service indicates that a C-47 was in the area at the time of sighting. The day was clear with a bright sun capable of distorting the normal features of a C-47.

III. Conclusion

Probably aircraft.

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7. At Patrick AFB, Florida, on [illegible] July 1952, [illegible] five different series of objects [illegible]. The [illegible] object which set off the series of [illegible] was a [illegible] balloon released from a point two miles north of the observer. Following this report were others describing various lights which were observed for short periods of time, usually about 10 seconds, traveling at tremendous speeds in horizontal flights without maneuvers. These lights appeared in varying numbers. These lights are unidentified, but it is probable that they were mirages.

8. There is no case in the FTD files from any AC & W site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Goose Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1952, pilots of a T-33 and a F-94-B attempted, without success, to close on a bright object. The object was identified as an astronomical body.

10. There is no case in the FTD files from northern Michigan on 24 November 1951.

11. There were three cases from Japan on 29 December 1952:

a. At Chitose at 1930-2000 hours a pilot attempted to close on Jupiter.

b. At Misawa a pilot reported a UFO which was determined to have been due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.

c. At 1948-2005 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

12. There is no case in the FTD files from Japan on 19 April 1952.

13. On 26 September 1952 in the Azores members of an aircrew observed two lights for over an hour. These lights fluctuated in color and brightness. They were about 20° apart in azimuth and maintained their relationship to each other throughout the sighting. This case is carried as unidentified, but in all probability the sighting was due to the misidentification of [illegible].

14. UFO reported from Truk Atoll and identified as a C-47.

15. There is no case in the FTD files from Korea on 7 February 1953.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP
7 Feb 53 7/1230Z

2. LOCATION
HOKKAIDO, JAPAN

3. SOURCE
5 AF personnel

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
35 mins

6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
Gd Vis ~~Air-Vis~~ GROUND RADAR

7. COURSE
East

8. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
☐ Yes
☐ No

10. CONCLUSION
VISUAL:: ASTRONOMICAL (STAR) REGULUS
RADAR: OTHER (WX)

Comments: Radar target appeared on the screen as being at 85° 165 nautical miles. It was regarded as being interference.

11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Unidentified obj with bright light which changed colors from red to green to white was observed at estimated 15° above the horizon on a bearing of 91°. Two of the observers reprtd the obj to be moving. During thevisual observation, a blip appeared on the radar set for a short length of time.
1. The weather at the time of the sighting was clear.
2. Due to the position, maeuvers, and intensity, it is believed that the visual obj was probably a star. Deneb at 15 deg elev 080 ° az. REGULUS 25° ELEV 100° AZ

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26 February 1953

7 February 1953

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FRANCIS S. DOLE, MAJOR, USAF

NEMURO AF DETACHMENT, APO 919-1

AFR 200-5, 30 Apr 52; HQ COMD GO 335, 511TH AC&W GP

1. Following is a report of an unidentified flying object sighted from Nemuro AF Detachment, Hokkaido, Japan on 7 February 1953 at 2130I. It was a light flashing red, green and white, and seen by five members of the detachment for about 35 minutes on a heading of 91 degrees (T) from the station.

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1. Sketch of area of Incident

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1. Description: At approximately 2130I, 7 February 1953, an unidentified airborne source of light which reportedly changed colors rapidly from red to green to white, was sighted from Nemuro AF Detachment. Some definite movement was reported and the brightness of the light was considerably greater than the evening star. The object was seen by 5 members of the detachment for approximately 35 minutes. Two of the observers reported the light as coming from the lower side of the object. The object was roughly estimated to be 15 degrees above the horizon, on bearing of 91 degrees (T).

2. Time of sighting: 2130I - 2205I, 7 February 1953.

3. Manner of observation: Visual, by both naked eye and through 7x50 power binoculars. (During the half hour period between 2230I - 2300I, the SCR-270 DA radar painted an object at 85 degrees, 165 nautical miles. This was only painted for a short time and after sector scanning from 010 to 130 degrees it was regarded as interference.

4. Location of observers: (Visual & Radar) Nemuro AF Detachment, Northeast Hokkaido, Japan, 43-19N, 145-37E.

5. Information on observers:

a. 1/Lt Burnett, Billy D., AO 784 393, Aircraft Controller; 10 months experience; Site duty for 15 days (TDY for 20 days).

b. S/Sgt Meyami, Thomas J., AF 18 358 908, 30010 Radar Maintenance, 25 months experience; Site duty for 3 months.

c. S/Sgt Matthews, Thomas S., AF 18 359 966, Radar Mechanic, 27 months experience; Site duty for 3 1/2 months.

d. A/1c Abbold, Harvey E., AF 16 265 112, Radar Operator, 46 months experience; Site duty for 2 1/2 months.

e. A/3c Nichols, William W. Jr., AF 18 380 693, Radar Operator, 24 months experience; Site duty for 10 1/2 months.

6. Weather: Weather at time of incident was reported as clear.

7. Negative.

8. Negative.

9. Negative.

10. Negative.

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STATEMENTS

At approximately 2130, 7 February, Site 26 personnel got a visual sighting on a very bright object which was airborne in an easterly direction from our position. I was called upon to aid in the identification of the object.

Upon reaching operations I learned that the radar had picked up an object about 165 miles away in the general direction of the object but the target painted on a single sweep only and never reappeared although we searched in that sector for several minutes.

While the operators searched, I took binoculars up to the top of the CPS-5 tower and scanned the sky to the East and also took many close looks at the bright object itself. While there I directed that the CPS-5 antenna be sighted in on the object so that a true bearing could be received. This true bearing was 091 degrees with a tolerance of plus, minus 2 degrees. The object seemed to be about 15 degrees above the horizon but this is only a rough estimate since I had no tools to work with.

When first seen by me the object was rapidly changing colors. Sometimes red, sometimes green, sometimes both colors at the same time. Later, its color changed to white with intermittent red and green flashes. A short time later it changed to white and remained white. These color changes were visible to the naked eye but were especially well defined when viewed through the 7 by 50 power binoculars.

Being a single light it gave us no chance to determine range, and relative motion could not be agreed upon among those of us who saw it. Some claimed the object was whirling; some said motionless; others said it appeared to be in orbit. It is my own personal belief that the object did not move with respect to the stars in its vicinity.

/s/ B. D. Burnett, 1st Lt
/t/ B. D. BURNETT, 1st Lt
Controller

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On the 6th of February at 2230 hours, I viewed a peculiar object which looked very much like a star. The only thing which made it seem unusual to me was that a 90 (Degree) sector of light beamed from the right side of the bottom rather than from all sides. The other men saw it changing color but being slightly far sighted, did not see any change in color.

/s/ T. J. Reynal, S/Sgt
/t/ T. J. REYNAL, S/Sgt
Radar Mechanic

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On the night of 7 February 1953 between 2230 and 2330 hours, I was on the scope. I picked up an unusual object one sweep which painted about 25 (Degrees) 165 miles which was not big enough and did not paint [illegible] enough to get a reading on it. After sector scanning from 010 (Degrees) to 130 (Degrees) returned the pip as interference.

/s/ H. G. Arnold, A/1c
/t/ H. G. ARNOLD, A/1c
Radar Operator

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The object which I saw in the sky appeared more or less as an optical illusion; although its appearance seemed to be changing colors. It also seemed to be moving about in an orbit. The light coming from it seemed to come from side.

/s/ T. G. Matthews, A/1c
/t/ T. G. MATTHEWS, A/1c
Radar Mechanic

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Unknown object was sighted at 091 (Degrees) from this station Feb 7 53 at approximately 2230 - object was changing color from red to green to white. Only movement was gaining altitude. Unable to get range or altitude. It was visible for approximately 35 minutes.

/s/ W. H. Nichols, A/3c
/t/ W. H. NICHOLS, A/3c
Radar Operator

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The following is an extract from the Controllers Log, Misawa Air Defense Control Center for 7 February 1953.

2220 Site #26 (Lt Burnett) informed the Controller that he has a visual sighting of an object. It was changing colors rapidly from red, to green, to white in circles. There was a definite movement, and was four times brighter than the evening star. This object was 90 degrees from site #26 approximately 2500 to 3500 ft above the ground, and 30 degrees to 40 degrees from the big dipper. Notified ADCC (Major Grain), and Col Cole (CODO).

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Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

The time element involved in contacting and procuring statements from site personnel has delayed this report considerably, and makes further verification impractical unless deemed necessary, however, it appears that the time stated by Lt Burnett is in error and should read 2230 rather than 2130. An error is also apparent in the statement by S/Sgt Reynal in stating the date as 6 February.

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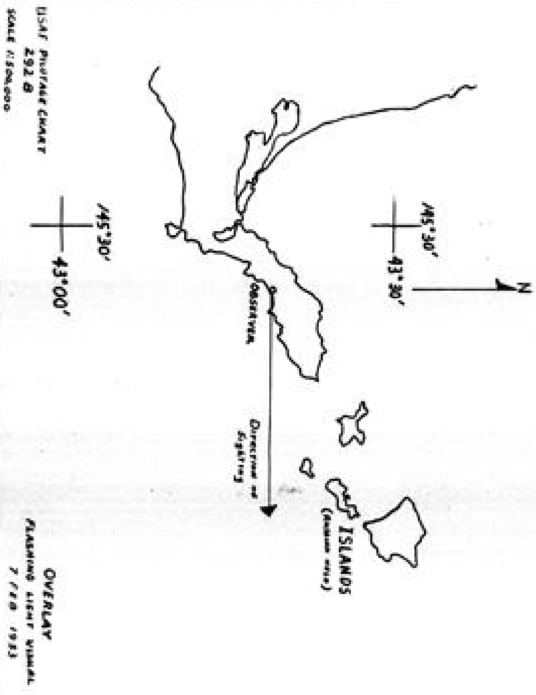

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

1. The time of the incident corresponds with the time when pibal weather balloons are launched by all weather stations (approximately 2100 hours local time).

2. In this area the visibility is excellent on clear nights. The description of the object, together with the time element, strongly indicates a lighted weather balloon, probably launched from one of the Soviet stations located in the islands off Hokkaido.

for E. M. [illegible], Maj USAF
GEORGE D. HASTINGS
Colonel, USAF
Director of Requirements
Deputy for Intelligence

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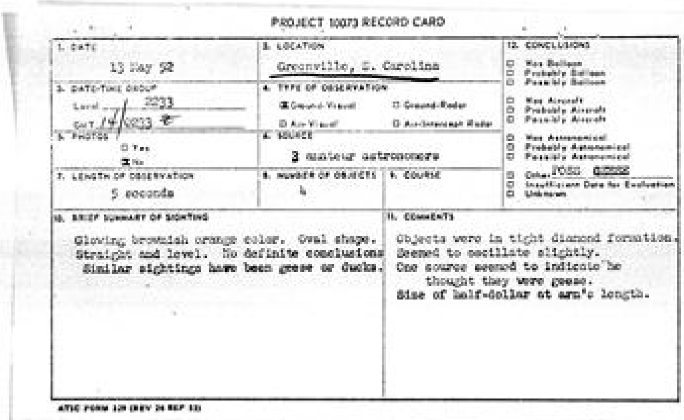

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
13 May 52

2. LOCATION
Greenville, S. Carolina

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2233
GMT 14/0333 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
3 amateur astronomers

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
4

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Glowing brownish orange color. Oval shape. Straight and level. No definite conclusions Similar sightings have been geese or ducks.

11. COMMENTS
Objects were in tight diamond formation. Seemed to oscillate slightly.
One source seemed to indicate he thought they were geese.
Size of half-dollar at arm's length.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other: Poss Geese
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
6TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

28 MAY 1952

FILE NO: 24-0

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED IN GREENVILLE,
SOUTH CAROLINA AREA - 13 MAY 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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CG, AMC, ATTN: MCIS

I. SYNOPSIS: 1st Lt ARTHUR S. PALMER, 375th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence Officer, Donaldson AFB, South Carolina, received information from the Officer of the Day, 13 May 1952, that unidentified objects had been sighted by members of a group of amateur astronomers at approximately 2233 hours, EST, 13 May 1952.

II. DETAILS: (1) Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON, 2A Boyce Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

"These objects were in a diamond formation, almost directly overhead, going on a straight course, oscillating slightly, first one side would tip up then the other. They were in sight for about five (5) seconds."

(2) Mr. C. T. WYCHE, University Ridge Apartments, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

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"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST., a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one, were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of the goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly transluoent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

"They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet if they were about the size of geese. They were visible for about ten (10) seconds."

"Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other."

(3) Mr. H. B. MOONEY, 112 Atwood, Greenville, South Carolina, was interviewed by Lt. PALMER and made the following written statement:

"On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers, of which I was one, gathered on the campus of Furman University located in Greenville, South Carolina. We were getting ready to call it an evening when James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to four (4) obloid, self-illuminated, brownish yellow objects traveling in a diamond formation. These objects were in sight for about three (3) seconds traveling on a level course slightly arced to the left on a heading of about 300 degrees.

"I was unable to estimate the altitude or speed of these objects. They traveled directly overhead, making no sound, and rather webbling in flight. Motion was similar to heavy winged birds in flight. It was a clear, quiet night, excellent for astronomy. There was a slight ground haze over the city, however, this did not extend to the Furman campus where it was perfectly clear.

"By way of further description, I would say the objects were similar to the 'Lubbock Lights' as reported in Life magazine. Approximate size would be that of a half dollar held at arms length and slightly turned."

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III. ACTION: No action is contemplated at present by 6th District OSI (IG) in reference to this matter. Lt. PALMER has advised that Air Intelligence Information Report, Form 112, Part I, concerning this incident was forwarded Headquarters USAF on 16 May 1952.

LEO H. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

✓cc: CG, AMC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO 1	(LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Greenville, South Carolina		FROM (Agency) 375th T. C. Wing Intelligence	
DATE OF REPORT 16 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 May 1952		EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Arthur S. Palmer		SOURCE Local Citizens	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Inclosed are four (4) statements from local citizens concerning an unusual sighting made in Greenville, South Carolina, on 13 May 1952 at 22:33 EST.

The sightings were not made by military personnel, but by a group of Greenville people. Two of these, Mr. C. T. Wyche, a local attorney, and Mr. H. B. Mooney, are responsible adult citizens, and James Richardson, a level-headed Senior High School student. These reports give a concise summary of the incident.

Mr. Mooney has also furnished a more complete statement in addition to the original certified to by the Wing Intelligence Officer.

As far as is known, this constitutes the first local sighting of this nature by any creditable sources.

Arthur S. Palmer
ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Mr C. T. Wyche, make the following statement concerning an unusual sighting, which is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of which I was one were preparing to return home after an evening of observing from the Furman Campus located in Greenville, South Carolina. At this time, James Richardson, one of the group, called our attention to what I would say were four objects, each the shape of a goose without neck or tail. They were a luminous brown or orange color, possibly translucent and flying in a diamond formation. Distance between each object was about five (5) times the width of each object.

They were flying about ten (10) to fifteen (15) degrees from directly overhead, on a level course heading about 330 degrees. Altitude I would say was below 1000 feet. They were visible for about ten (10) seconds.

Their flight was oscillating in nature, first five (5) degrees up on one side and at the same time down on the other.

WITNESS:

Arthur S. Palmer

ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

C. T. Wyche
University Ridge Apts
Greenville, S. C.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, James Richardson, make the following statement concerning an unusual sighting which is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

On the night of May 13, 1952, at approximately 2233 EST, a group of amateur astronomers of whom I was one gathered on the Campus of Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, for an evening of observing. As we were preparing to leave, I noticed four (4) objects, modified cylinder or obloid in shape, flying at an unknown altitude on a heading of about 300 degrees. These objects were brownish orange in color and rather dull glowing in appearance.

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WITNESS:

Arthur S. Palmer

ARTHUR S. PALMER
1st Lt, USAF

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

James Richardson

JAMES RICHARDSON
2A Boyce Avenue
Greenville, S. C.

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On May 13, 1952 I was one of a group of five individuals attending a meeting of an Astronomy Club at Furman University. We were on the Campus between Main and the Science Building with all the ground lights extinguished observing certain constellations, including that of Murgo, Vega, Bootes and Rigelus. We had completed our study of spliting certain double stars and were amusing ourselves by slinging the telescope through the coma bernecices and observing the rings of Saturn. We found the atmosphere to be unusually clear of atmosphereic haze and clouds and commentted on the clearness of Saturn and the rings. It was the first time in several weeks that we had been able to seperate the rings from the planet.

At Approximately 10:39 P. M. one of the group, Jimmy Richardson, called our attention to something that was passing through the zenith.

This turned out to be four obloid objects, self-illumated of the color of reddish-yellow or reddish-brown, most closely resembling iron that had just reached a red heat. These objects were traveling in a rough diamond formation, one in advance, two sides by side, and one in the rear rather closely grouped. The formation did not resemble anything seen, such as military aircraft as there was a great deal of deviation. The objects appeared to wobble and being obloid, appeared to be advancing sideways. The size was approximately that of a half-dollar, quarter turned, held at arms length from one's eye. It was not possible to estimate heighth or speed. From the time they were first observed, at overhead until they passed out of sight, behind some trees approximately 30 feet high and approximately 150 to 200 feet away from our point of observation was roughly three seconds. They disappeared in a north-westerly direction a degree or two north of the constellation of Rigelus. There was no trail, sparks or any other illumination other than the glow of the objects themselves. Conditions were such that it appeared physically impossible for the objects to have been illuminated from ground lights or other sources.

While there was a great deal of haze and reflected lights from the city of Greenville, our position on the Furman University Campus was such as to eliminate this completely from consideration as the objects, in passing overhead and out of sight, did not come within a quarter of a circle of going over that part of town where reflected glow was visible. In other words, they tranversed a completely dark and absolutely clear portion of the sky.

In addition to myself, those who individually viewed these objects were Tom Wyche, Jimmy Richardson, Harry Wiggins and Cothran.

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All of us observed them carefully, and after they had disappeared, checked our observation with each other.

While others are in disagreement not as to what they saw, but as to what the objects consisted of, I am firmly of the opinion that it was not a group of birds, was not reflected light from the ground, was not a group of jets, because there was absolutely no sound heard at any time. I do not hazard a guess as to what they were, where they were going or where they came from, but I am convinced that I saw something that I had never seen before.

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13 May 1952 · Greenville, South Carolina

Description of Incident

On the night of 13 May 1952 at 2233 EST, four amateur astronomers observed a diamond formation of four oval-shaped objects. The objects were observed visually from the ground. The objects were sighted nearly overhead and disappeared at an angle of about 12° in three seconds. They were described as being reddish-yellow or reddish-brown in color. They were relative in size to a half dollar, quarter turned, at arm's length. The objects appeared to wobble in their flight and being oval-shaped appeared to be flying sideways.

The night was extremely clear. The sources stated that there was haze and ground illumination near the city, but that they were on the Furman University campus and that there were no ground lights near nor haze.

Two → One observer was inclined to believe these were geese.

Comments

The description of this incident is very similiar to others from drive-in theaters and one from Fargo, North Dakota, on 25 April 1952, that were ducks. In this case, however, there were no ground lights in the area to reflect from a bird. This is borne out by the fact that these people had set up their telescopes in a dark area, which is essential for good astronomical observing.

It is not known how much light a bird will reflect, but it seems logical that a relatively bright ground source of light would be needed.

As was stated, one source was sure they were geese but the other three were just as sure they were not.

The possibility of aircraft is nil since they passed directly overhead with no sound.

Conclusion

Unknown Why?

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MAY 13, 1952  GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA        (KEYHOE-1953 P 148) 4 WITNESSES00
   FOUR ASTROMERS REPORTED SEEING FOUR SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECTS FLYING IN A       01
DIAMOND-SHAPED FORMATION.  GLOWING A REDDISH YELLOW.  THE OBJECTS PASSED       02
SILENTLY OVERHEAD, WOBBLING SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THEY WENT OUT OF SIGHT. ALL 03
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FLYING ON ITS SIDE.                                                           05
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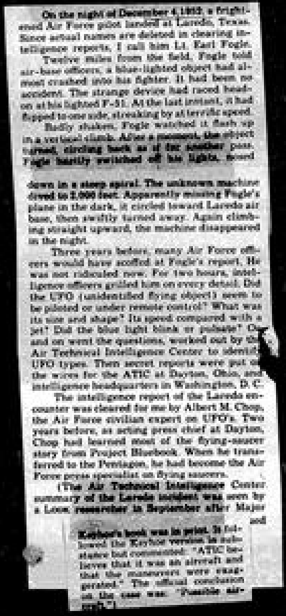

On the night of December 4, 1952, a frightened Air Force pilot landed at Laredo, Texas. Since actual names are deleted in clearing intelligence reports, I call him Lt. Earl Fogle.

Twelve miles from the field, Fogle told air-base officers, a blue-lighted object had almost crashed into his fighter. It had been no accident. The strange device had raced head-on at his lighted F-51. At the last instant, it had flipped to one side, streaking by at terrific speed.

Badly shaken, Fogle watched it flash up in a vertical climb. After a moment, the object turned, circling back as if for another pass. Fogle hastily switched off his lights, nosed down in a steep spiral. The unknown machine dived to 2,000 feet. Apparently missing Fogle's plane in the dark, it circled toward Laredo air base, then swiftly turned away. Again climbing straight upward, the machine disappeared in the night.

Three years before, many Air Force officers would have scoffed at Fogle's report. He was not ridiculed now. For two hours, intelligence officers grilled him on every detail. Did the UFO (unidentified flying object) seem to be piloted or under remote control? What was its size and shape? Its speed compared with a jet? Did the blue light blink or pulsate? On and on went the questions, worked out by the Air Technical Intelligence Center to identify UFO types. Then secret reports were put on the wires for the ATIC at Dayton, Ohio, and intelligence headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The intelligence report of the Laredo encounter was cleared for me by Albert M. Chop, the Air Force civilian expert on UFO's. Two years before, as acting press chief at Dayton, Chop had learned most of the flying-saucer story from Project Bluebook. When he transferred to the Pentagon, he had become the Air Force press specialist on flying saucers.

(The Air Technical Intelligence Center summary of the Laredo incident was seen by a Look researcher in September after Major and Keyhoe's book was in print. It followed the Keyhoe version in substance but commented: "ATIC believes that it was an aircraft and that the maneuvers were exaggerated." The official conclusion on the case was: "Possible aircraft.")

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Dec 52	2. LOCATION [illegible] AFB ~~Lackland AFB, Texas~~	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 5/2014Z52 GMT 6/0214Z52	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Pilot	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Unidentified object traveled at high rate of speed climbing rapidly while in a counter-clockwise orbit around ~~Lackland~~ AFB. Object made a headon pass at observer's plane missing a left wing about 50 yards. Object had a bluish light which flickered on and off.	11. COMMENTS 1. Observer was unable to give a brief description of the object.	

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Lackland Air Force Base, Texas

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5 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

While orbiting over Lackland AFB a T-28 type aircraft sighted an unusual blue light of about half the intensity of the normal glow emitted by a T-33 position light. The time of sighting was approximately 2048 CST under clear weather conditions with the wind at 6,000 feet from 15 degrees at 25 knots. The object's maneuvers consisted of a counter-clockwise orbit over the air base, an apparent pass on the T-28 and finally an irregular rapid ascent and disappearance to the south. The pilot of the observing aircraft attempted an interception but overshot. The object was not sighted after 2056 CST.

II. Discussion of Incident

Student flying in jet type aircraft was in progress at the time of sighting. The observing pilot saw these aircraft and could not have confused them with the unidentified object. A scheduled balloon launch from Lackland AFB was set for approximately 2100 CST, very close to the time of sighting. In addition, the orbiting climb of the object as well as its general southerly heading (which ties in with the winds aloft) indicate that the unknown was probably a balloon. Project Blue Book has had many reports in the past of known balloons apparently intercepting investigating aircraft.

III. Conclusion

Probably a balloon.

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UFO Sighting (Laredo, Texas, 4 Dec 52)

26 APR 1961

Dr. Donald H. Menzel, Director
Harvard College Observatory
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Menzel

We have reviewed the case referred to in your letter of 12 April 1961, and which Major Keyhoe refers to as the "Fogel" case, and determined that certain errors were probably introduced in transcribing this case during your visit to ATIC.

On the night of 4 December 1952 Lt. Robert O. Arnold was flying local in the area of Laredo AFB, Texas. Lt. Arnold was delayed in landing due to local training in T-33's (jet trainers). Lt. Arnold was in a T-28 type aircraft and orbited 2 miles NE of the base at 6000 feet while awaiting landing clearance. While orbiting, Lt. Arnold sighted an object which was SW of the base at an 8 o'clock position to his aircraft. The UFO was at an altitude of approximately 1500 to 2000 feet and headed generally NE. Lt. Arnold kept his aircraft in a steep turn to the left in order to keep the object in sight. Shortly after first being sighted the object rose to Lt. Arnold's altitude of 6000 feet and began a wide sweeping counter-clockwise orbit of the base. While in its orbit at a position approximately 3 miles north of the field, the object descended to approximately 1500-2000 feet and continued to orbit, until it reached a position in the approximate center of the Laredo business district.

Upon reaching the Laredo business district the object made a rapid ascent to 15,000 feet; at this time Lt. Arnold was directly over the ramp of the airbase and the object was 6 to 8 miles SW of this position. The object then turned eastward, descended immediately to 6000 feet again and continued eastward until it was approximately 6 miles SE of the base where it appeared to stop, hover, then appeared to be going straight away from or toward Lt. Arnold's aircraft. Arnold added full power and proceeded directly SE toward the object. Approximately 2 seconds after this action was initiated, the object appeared to close headon at a terrific rate. At approximately 100 yards in front of Arnold's aircraft the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of Arnold's aircraft to pass. The object passed very close off the left wing within a distance of 30 yards and Lt. Arnold noted a blurred reddish-blue haze of undetermined size and shape which was no larger than his aircraft.

The object was upon him so fast that Arnold was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, Lt. Arnold turned sharply to his left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made an ascent to approximately 15,000 feet and circled to the left, then began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass. Lt. Arnold became frightened, turned off his running lights and began a circling descent to the left while keeping the object in sight. Lt. Arnold leveled off at 1500 feet and at this time the object seemed to level off from its descent toward Arnold's aircraft, turned sharply to the right to a southerly heading and made another rather flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight.

The total duration of the sighting was seven minutes and the headon pass occurred at exactly 2053. The speed of the object was estimated at more than 300 mph and the size of the glow emitted by the object was estimated at 1/2 the size of the glow from a T-33 position light.

The aircraft piloted by Lt. Arnold was definitely a T-28 and not an F-51 as given by Major Keyhoe. The T-28 is a conventional training aircraft which has a speed of approximately 180 knots, while the F-51 is a World War II fighter aircraft with a top speed of approximately 370 knots and a normal cruise of approximately 235 knots. The T-33 jet trainer has a speed of approximately 480 knots.

The city of Laredo is 5 statute miles SW of the air base on an azimuth of 200°. Traffic pattern altitude at Laredo AFB is 1512 feet which is 1000 feet above the terrain. Lt. Arnold did not specify the type of altitude used, but the usual practice is to use "indicated altitude," which is what the pilot reads on the altimeter.

Sincerely

PHILIP G. EVANS 26 Apr 61
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

COORDINATION: AFCIN-4E Robert J. Friend Maj DATE 24 April '61
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HARVARD COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
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April 12, 1961

Major Robert J. Friend
Air Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Friend:

Mrs. Boyd and I are making an analysis of the 4 December 1952 sighting at Laredo, Texas, which Keyhoe calls the "Fogle" case. I enclose herewith a transcript of the record, which seems to have some ambiguities. I need your advice and hope that you can get some additional information for us..

First of all what is a T-28 type aircraft and what is its maximum speed?

The first paragraph is badly garbled. One does not know whether "which" refers to the sighted object or to the observer. And the observer is not clear as to his own bearing. I gather, however, that the pilot, at approximately 8 o'clock, was approximately two miles southeast of the base at an altitude of 6,000 feet. Since he observed the object at approximately 8 o'clock, I assume that he must have been flying roughly toward the base, since, if he were flying exactly northwest, the object in the southwest would have been at 9 o'clock, I judge that he was flying on a bearing roughly northwest by north. For your information, the planet Venus was approximately in this direction, relatively low on the horizon, which I interpret is consistent with his expression "low to his position." I assume that the reporting pilot was in the traffic pattern, perhaps preparing to land (?). Information about what this normal traffic pattern is (counter-clockwise?) might help. He saw the object in the southeast, which meant that it was apparently not moving very much with reference to his own plane. In order to do it better he makes a left turn and he still sees the object apparently in the same direction, from which he concludes that it is still flying away from him. By this I judge it was getting apparently somewhat fainter. Remember this is the direction of the planet Venus!

I find the next sentence "the object continued on a southeast course until approximately six miles southeast of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object" very ambiguous.

I suppose that it means the following. That the object was in the southeast and remains so at an estimated six miles from the original position where he had sighted the object. But there is the ambiguity that from the observer's new position, he might have thought that the object had moved approximately to the position that the observer had been when he first sighted the object. But this seems to be inconsistent with the southeast course and hence I accept the first interpretation.

Now as the pilot "steepens his turn", by which I assume that he is now heading on a bearing roughly west and, perhaps increasing his altitude somewhat, though not appreciably since he mentions that the object rose to the pilot's altitude. From the fact that he was now swinging around and heading toward the west and the object had not changed its position, he concluded that the object was bearing slightly towards the south, starting its "counter-clockwise orbit of the base".

The next sentence is badly garbled. "Descended to approximately 15000 feet to 1500 feet to 200 feet again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas". Since he had stated that the object had reached the pilot's altitude of 6,000 feet, I think the first 15000 feet was an error and that he corrected it to 1500 feet. I think that 200 feet makes no sense at all and probably a cipher was omitted. What the pilot intended to say was that when he was at a position three miles north of the airfield, the object appeared to descend from a 6,000 feet to an altitude from 1500 to 2,000 feet. It then continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo until it reached approximately the center of the business district.

At this point I'll have a rough check in my reasoning. The pilot is north of the airfield. He looks to the southwest and sees the city of Laredo in the southwest. Where is the city with reference to the airfield? I should judge that it may be west southwest or southwest by west from the airfield.

There is, however, another possibility that I must cover. The star Achernar was in the southeast and, as the pilot swung around moving into the southeast position going on a southeast course, he may have thought that Achernar was the original object. However, he still refers to the star as being southwest of his position directly over the airfield and heading south. The report of hovering or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft is characteristic of the sighting and here I think he was still seeing Venus. The report in the next paragraph of proceeding eastward until it appears southeast of the plane does not accord with my original belief that what he was observing was Venus. But perhaps he switched from Venus to Achernar somewhere along the line. We are checking these possibilities at the present time. However, I wonder if the pilot did not make a mistake in saying southeast twice. I am wondering if it was not southwest. The reason I raise the point is the statement about turning eastward is inconsistent with the statement that the object seemed to be hovering or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. The direction of Laredo is critical here. If Laredo is in the south or southeast, then the pilot would have switched Achernar at an earlier moment. The rest of the description fits extremely well with the observations of a star.

If, in addition to my specific questions, you could contact Lieutenant "Fogle", to unravel some of these obscurities if any still remain, I would be grateful.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

Donald H Menzel

Donald H. Menzel
Director

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CC: Col. Lawrence J. Tacker
Lyle Boyd

P.S. The Fogle story scarcely agrees with what Keyhoe gives in "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", Pages 3 and 17. Keyhoe calls a plane an F-51. The report a T-28. Are these the same?

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CASE #1

On the night of 4 Dec 52 an Air Force pilot was flying locally in a T-28 type a/c. It was at this time he noticed a rapidly moving bluish light at approximate traffic altitude (1500' to 2000'). It was approximately 8 o'clock low to his position, which was about 2 miles SE of the base at 6000' directly SW of the base traveling on a SE course. The pilot considered the object to be a 4th jet a/c outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights. The pilot steepened his turn to the left to keep the object in sight. The object continued on a SE course until approximately 6 miles SE of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this time the object rose immediately to the pilot's altitude of 6000' and began a wide sweeping counter clockwise orbit of the base. The terrific speed of the object still led the pitlot to think it was a jet aircraft until he realized from previous jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a maneuver. At a position approximately 3 miles N of the air field in the object's orbit, it immediately descended to approximately ~~15,000'-to~~ 1500 to 200' again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid flitting ascent due S to approximate 15,000'. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8 miles SW of the pilot's position (which was directly over the ramp on a S heading). The object then turned Eastward and immediately descended to the pilot's altitude of 6,000' again and proceeded Eastward until approximately 6 miles SE of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. At this time the pilot added full power and proceeded directly SE toward the object. The pilot's intentions were merely curiosity. Approximate 2 seconds after this action was taken by the pilot, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a

CASE # 1 (contd)

head-on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of the pilot's a/c the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of the a/c within 50 yards distance and the pilot noted a blurred reddish-blueish haze of undetermined size and shape but definitely no larger than his a/c. This action happened to rapidly that the pilot was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, the pilot broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting ascent again to approximately 15,000' and circled to the left and began to descent asif positioning itself for another pass on the pilot's a/c. At this point, out of sheer fright, the pilot turned off all his running lights and spiraled steeply to the left, keeping the object in sight and leveled off at 1500'. At this time the object seemed to level off from its circling descent towards' the pilot's a/c, turned sharply to the right on a S heading and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight. The object was observed by the pilot for approximate 7 minutes and the exact time of the head-on-pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an "object" because it was ~~identified not~~ identifiable only by the small, flickering blueish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path, the size of the light was described by the observer as approximate 1/2 the size of the glow emitted by normal position light on a T-33 type aircraft. Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 MPH and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding, because they were certainly not conventional. The observer parked his a/c on the Laredo AB ramp at exactly 2105 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

ATIC COMMENT: ATIC believes that it was an a/c and that the maneuvers were exaggerated.

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LAREDO, TEXAS
4 DECEMBER, 1952

On the night of 4 December, 1952, an Air Force pilot was flying locally in a T-28 type aircraft. At this time he noticed a rapidly moving [illegible] bluish light at approximately traffic altitude (1500 to 2000 feet), at approximately 8 o'clock, low to his position, which wad about two miles southeast of the base at 6,000 feet, directly southwest of the base, travelling on a southeast course. The pilot considered the object to be a fourth jet aircraft outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights. The pilot steepened his turn to the left to keep the objectin sight. The object continued on a southeast course until approximately 6 miles southeast of his position which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this time ~~point~~ the object rose immediately to the pilot's altitude of 6,000 degrees (feet??) and began a wide sweeping counter-clockwise orbit of the base. The terrific speed of the object still led the pilot to think it was a jet aircraft until he realized from previous jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a manoeuver. At a position approximately 3 miles north of the airfield in the object's orbit, it immediately descended to approximately 15,000 feet to 1,500 feet to 200 feet again DHM: (it doesn't seem to make sense) and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid and (flitting?) ascent due south to approximately 15,000 feet. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8

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southwest of the pilot's position (which was directly over the ~~lampx~~ ramp on an S heading). The object then turned eastward and immediately descended to the pilot's altitude of 6,000 feet again and proceeded eastward until approximately 6 miles southeast of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, or going straight away or coming straight toward the pilot's aircraft. At this time the pilot added full power and proceeded directly southeast towards the object. The pilot's intentions were merely curiosity. Approximately 2 seconds after this action was taken by the pilot, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a head-on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of the pilot's aircraft the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of the aircraft within 50 yards distance and the pilot noticed a blurred reddish-bluish haze of undetermined size and shape but definitely no larger than his aircraft. This action happened so rapidly that the pilot was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, the pilot broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting (?) ascent again to approximately 15,000 feet and circled to the left and began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass on the pilot's aircraft. At this point, out of sheer fright, the pilot turned off all his running lights and spiralled steeply to the left, keeping the object in sight and levelled off at 1500 feet. At this time the object seemed to level off from its circling descent towards the pilot's aircraft, turned sharply to the right on a south heading, and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight. The object was observed by the pilot for approximately 7 minutes and the exact time of the head-on pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an "object" because it was identifiable only by the small flickering bluish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path. The size of the light was described by the observer as approximately half the size of the glow emitted by a normal position light on a T-33 type aircraft. (DHM: That assumes that he knows how far away it was.) Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 miles per hour and its manoeuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding, because they were certainly not conventional. The observer "parked" his aircraft on the Laredo AirBase ramp at exactly 2108 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

ATIC comment: ATIC believes that it was an aircraft but the manoeuvers were exaggerated. (I personally think that this would have an explanation similar to my Alaska incident. Look for a bright star on the horizon.)

Sodeman [illegible]

TDET/Lt Col Friend

Request for UFO Information (Russ Sodeman) [illegible]

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

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1. The attached letter from Mr. Russ Sodeman requests information regarding 14 sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena.

2. The following information regarding the sightings referenced in Mr. Sodeman's letter is provided to assist you in preparing an answer to him. The order of the information corresponds to that contained in the attachment.

3. The Laredo AFB, Texas, sighting which occurred on 4 December 1952 was evaluated as an aircraft sighting.

4. At 1446 on 22 July 1952 the weather observer of the local airport at Uvalde, Texas, sighted an object which he described as being large and round, but displaying no aerodynamic features. The object was reported to be silver in color and estimated as 50 feet in diameter and to be at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The observer estimated the objects speed as in excess of 1000 mph. The object traveled from east at approximately 40° elevation to the southwest. The movement was described as gyrating and the object was in sight for 45 seconds. The object seemed to be climbing and disappeared behind a large cumulus cloud. The observer was not aware of any sound. This case is classed as unidentified in the FTD files. However, it should be noted that an object at 20,000 feet which spans an angle of approximately 90° in 45 seconds would have a speed of approximately 530 knots. If the object were at 3000 feet or closer to the cloud base, it would have a speed of only 80 knots. The available information is not sufficient to allow a confident solution to this case, but it is highly probable that the misidentification of a conventional object was the cause for this sighting.

5. On 23 September 1951 two flights of F-86's were scrambled from March AFB, California, to intercept an unidentified flying object. Contact was successful and the object identified [illegible] balloon.

6. On 3 August 1952 at 1615 PDT two objects were observed with binoculars from Hamilton AFB, California. The objects were observed for 1 hour and 15 minutes and were described as circular or globular in shape and silver in color. They were estimated to be 60-100 feet in diameter and possessing speeds of 400-450 mph. The objects were estimated to be at 12,000 and 18,000 feet. The object at 18,000 feet was reported to have dived at the lower object and maneuvered much the same as a fighter during a dog fight. During

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Yours truly,

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/ R [redacted] /M303M. FLYOBRPT. 7-C1. OBSR IS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE SHAPE CMA SIZE CMA OR COLOR OF OBJ. THERE WAS ONE OBJ OF UNDETERMINABLE AERO-DYNAMIC FEATURES CMA NO EXHAUST OR PUPLN SYS WAS DISSERNIBLE CMA SPEED OF THE OBJ WAS EST TO BE IN EXCESS OF 500 MPH.NO SOUND WAS AUDIBLE CMA AND ITS MANEUVERS CONSISTED OF RAPID C OF ALT WHILE IN A GENERAL COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAFB THE CITY OF LAREDO CMA TEXAS AND NUEVO LAREDO CMA MEXICO PLUS A HEAD-ON PASS AT THE OBSR ACFT AT AN ALT OF 6000 FT AND NO FURTHER THAN 50 YARDS OFF THE OBSR LEFT WG WHEN PASSING. THE MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE WAS A RAPID FLITTING ASCENT ON A SOUTHERLY HEADING INTO THE ATM UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT. ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE WAS A BLUISH COLORED LIGHT

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WHICH CONT TO FLICKER SIMILAR TO THE ARC LIGHT EMITTED BY AN ELEC WLDR IN OPR. THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE LIGHT WAS EST AT APPRX 1/2 THE SIZE OF THE NORMAL GLOW EMITTED BY A PSN LIGHT ON A T-33 TYPE JET ACFT.

2. TIME OF SIGHTING BY THE OBSR WAS APRX 2048 CEN CMA THE TIME OF THE AGGRESSIVE PASS WAS EXACTLY 2053 CEN AND THE OBJ DISAPPEARED INTO THE ATM AT APPRX 2056 CEN.

3. OBSR WAS MADE FROM A T-28 TYPE ACFT TVL IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAFB AT AN ALT OF 6000 FT AND AN A/S OF 180 KNOTS. THE OBJ WAS SIGHTED WITH THE NAKED EYE.

4. GEOGRAPHICAL LOC OF OBSR WAS LATITUDE NORTH 27 DEGREES 33 MIN LONGTITUDE ~~EAST~~ West 99 DEGREES 27 MIN IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE ORBIT AROUND LAFB TEX.

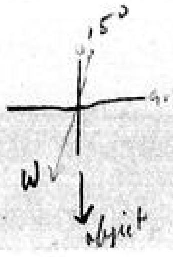
5. OBSR IS A 1ST LT IN THE AIR FORCE AND HAS BEEN A RT PLT FOR 8 1/2 YRS.

6. THE SKY COND WAS CLEAR AND THE WINDS AT THE OBSR LEVEL WERE FROM 15 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS.

7. NONE

8. NONE

9. OBSR KEPT OBJ IN SIGHT DURING PD OF OBSR MERELY OUT OF CURIOSITY UNTIL OBJ MADE AN AGGRESSIVE HEAD-ON PASS AT THE BOSR WHICH MAY BE



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10. STU JET FLY WAS IN PROGRESS AT LAFB AND APRX THREE JET ACFT REMAINED IN TRAFFIC PLUS THE OBSR ACFT WHICH WAS HOLDING ALOFT PENDING TWR PERMISSION TO ENT TRAF AND LAND.

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Wire sent requesting Balloon data, A/c paths etc be included in 112.

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FROM: (Originator)

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TO: CO LAREDO AFB TEXAS

INFO:

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PRECEDENCE FOR: ACTION ROUTINE	INFORMATION
☐ BOOK MESSAGE	☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE
☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS	CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☐ NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:	
IDENTIFICATION 303M	CLASSIFICATION [redacted]

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-12-4-E

Reference your message 303M dated 052130Z Dec 52 FLYOBRPT. Request following data be incorporated in AF Form 112 that is required by AFL 200-5. If AF Forms 112 are unavailable, the report may be put in letter form.

1. Sketch of track of T-28 and apparent track of the reported light. Show position of light and aircraft at intervals.

2. Exact time of launch, general path, type, and lighting of any civilian or military weather balloons launched in the area. A balloon was scheduled to be launched at 2100 CST.

3. Did balloon observers note any aircraft near their balloon?

4. Did tower or other aircraft in the pattern see the light?

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COORDINATION:

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ATIA ________

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COUNTRY: United States

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SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON: Laredo, Texas

FROM (Agency): 3640th Pilot Training Wing (Bsc SE)
Laredo Air Force Base, Texas

DATE OF REPORT: 13 December 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION: 4 December 1952

EVALUATION: [redacted] B-6

PREPARED BY (Officer): John J. Wilfong, Major, USAF

SOURCE: 1st Lt Robert O. Arnold

REFERENCES: AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952

On 4 December 1952 the United States Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, located on Laredo Air Force Base, released a lighted weather balloon at 2053 hours, Central Standard Time. Surface wind and low altitude winds were from the northwest at low velocity. Weather observers did not observe aircraft in the vicinity of balloon. Neither tower nor other aircraft observed light.

2053 CST
6
2653
2400
0253Z

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES W. BRYANT
Captain, USAF
Ass't Adjutant

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1. Sketch of object's flight path

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency): Laredo Air Force Base, Texas

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1. On the night of 4 December 1952, 1st Lt Robert O. Arnold was flying locally in a T-28 type aircraft for the purpose of completing AFR 60-2 requirements. After flying in the local area for approximately two hours, Lt Arnold returned to the airfield to enter traffic and land. Student training in T-33 Jet aircraft was in progress and the landing period was in session. Lt Arnold received this information from the tower and therefore remained aloft until the landing period was over so that he might enter normal traffic and land.

2. While waiting for permission from the tower to land, Lt Arnold circled the field in a counter clockwise manner and observed the Jet aircraft in the pattern and landing from an altitude of 6000'. After approximately 45 minutes of holding aloft, Lt Arnold ascertained there were only three Jet aircraft remaining in traffic. A surveillance of the immediate area around the field to see if any other aircraft remained aloft was made by Lt Arnold to determine how much longer he would be required to hold before landing. It was at this time he noticed a rapidly moving bluish light at approximate traffic altitude (1500' to 2000'). It was approximately 8 o'clock low to his position, which was about two miles southeast of the base at 6000', and the light appeared to be over the Heights residential area, directly southwest of the base, and traveling on a southeasterly course. Lt Arnold considered the object to be a fourth Jet aircraft still outside the traffic pattern until he noticed the absence of position, passing, and fuselage lights.

3. At this point, Lt Arnold steepened his turn to the left to keep the object in sight. The object continued on a southeasterly course until approximately six miles southeast of Lt Arnold's position, which was approximately where he had originally sighted the object. At this time the object rose immediately to Lt Arnold's altitude of 6000' and began a wide sweeping counter clockwise orbit of the Air Base. The terrific speed of the object still led Lt Arnold to think it was a Jet aircraft until he realized from previous Jet experience that the speed should have been considerably dissipated after such a maneuver. At a position approximately three miles north of the airfield in the objects orbit it immediately descended to approximately 1500 to 2000' again and continued its orbit to the left around the city of Laredo, Texas, until it reached approximately the center of the business district, at which time the object made a very rapid flitting ascent due south to approximately 15,000'. The rate of climb was terrific. At this point, the object was approximately 6 to 8 miles southwest of Lt Arnold's position (which was directly over the ramp on a southerly heading). The object then turned eastward and immediately descended to Lt Arnold's altitude of 6000' again and proceeded eastward until approximately 6 miles southeast of the base again and it seemed to stop as if it were hovering, going straight away or coming straight toward Lt Arnold's aircraft. At this time, Lt Arnold added full power and declined the pitch of his aircraft to proceed directly southeastward toward the object. Lt Arnold's intentions were merely curiosity. Approximately two seconds after this action was taken by Lt Arnold, the object appeared to close at a terrific rate in a head on approach. At approximately 100 yards in front of Lt Arnold's aircraft, the object seemed to waver slightly in a vertical plane as if determining on which side of his aircraft to pass. The object passed very closely off the left wing of Lt Arnold's aircraft within a distance of 50 yards and Lt Arnold noted a blurred reddish-bluish haze of undetermined size and shape, but definitely no larger than his aircraft. This action happened so rapidly that Lt Arnold was unable to take any evasive action. Immediately after the object passed, Lt Arnold broke sharply to the left in order to keep the object in sight. The object rapidly made a flitting ascent again to approximately 15000' and circled to the left and began to descend as if positioning itself for another pass on Lt Arnold's aircraft. At this point, out of sheer fright, Lt Arnold turned off all his running lights and spiraled steeply to the left, keeping the object in sight, and leveled off at 1500'. At this time the object seemed to level off from its circling descent towards Lt Arnold's aircraft, turn sharply to the right on a southerly heading and made another rapid flitting ascent into the atmosphere until out of sight.

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4. The object was observed by Lt Arnold for approximately seven minutes and the exact time of the head on pass was 2053. The object has been referred to as an object because it was identifiable only by the small, flickering blueish light by which the observer was able to track its flight path. The size of the light was described by the observer as approximately 1/2 the size of the glow emitted by a normal position light on a T-33 type aircraft. Its speed was estimated to be in excess of 500 MPH, and its maneuvers, which consisted mainly of rapid flitting ascents and descents, were unusually outstanding because they were certainly not conventional.

5. The observer parked his aircraft on the Laredo Air Force Base ramp at exactly 2105 and shortly thereafter reported the incident to the proper authority.

6. Sketch of observer's flight path and the object's flight path is attached.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
15 Dec 52

✓ 2. LOCATION
GOOSE AFB, LABRADOR

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 15/2315
GMT 16/0315Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF Pilots

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
25 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Bright red and white object observed by T-33 and F-94B aircrews at an estimated altitude of 14,000-24,000'. Ground radar unit reports momentary contact with object. Two other a/c were in the area at the time of the sighting.

11. COMMENTS
VISUAL : ~~VENUS~~
RADAR : ~~INSUFF DATA~~

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
X Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other Unk
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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Goose AFB, Labrador 15 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

Visual contact was made by two aircraft, a T-33 and an F-94, of an unidentified aerial object after being vectored to the target by GCA. The object had no definite shape, was bright red and white and was seen from 2315Z to 2340Z. Airborne visual contact was established as soon as the F-94 entered the intercept area. No engine or jet exhaust was visible. The F-94 chased the object an an indicated airspeed of 375 knots but could not overtake it.

Weather was clear with visibility of 30 miles, winds at 14,000 ft. (altitude of the observing aircraft) was from 270° at 25 knots. The F-94 was on a heading of 270° while on its intercept run.

II. Discussion of Incident

Two C-54's from Goose AFB were in the area at the approximate time of sighting. One of these aircraft was observed by the F-94, the other was not. However, the unidentified object could not be the unobserved C-54 due to the speed factor. The F-94, at 375 knots, could have overtaken a C-54. There may have been a balloon launch at 2100Z from Goose Air Weather Service but here again there is a conflict because the object was sighted at 2315Z, two hours after launch. An astronomical explanation does not ring true since it is improbable that stars and meteors can be recorded by ground radar or airborne radar. Therefore, a plausible explanation for this sighting seems to be impossible.

III. Conclusion

Unknown.

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DASH THREE THREE AIRCREW COMMA HEADING TWO SEVEN ZERO TWO TWO 270
EIGHT ZERO DEGREES COMMA ALTITUDE ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO 14,000
TO TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET PD OBJECT OF NO DEFINITE
SHAPE COMMA COLOR BRIGHT RED AND WHITE PD NO JET OR ROCKET EXHAUST
NOTED PD TIME OF SIGHTING FROM ONE FIVE TWO THREE ONE FIVE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

[illegible] Flying Object [illegible]

Goose Bay, Labrador [illegible], USAF

19 December 1952 15 December 1952 C-1

NATHAN J. MEYERSON, Captain, USAF 59th Ftr-Intcp Sq, Goose AB, Labrador

Hq NEAC, IR-[illegible] dtd 7 Dec 1952

1. An unidentified flying object was sighted near Goose Air Base, Labrador on 15 December by pilots of two jet aircraft of the 59th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron. Possible radar contact was made.

2. Information in this report will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

APPROVED:

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. On 15 December 1952 at approximately [illegible] an unidentified flying object was sighted by aircrews of an F-94B, pilot Captain W. T. Johnson, and a T-33 aircraft, pilot Lt. R. E. Norris, in flight about 10 to 20 miles west of Goose Air Base, Labrador. The object was pursued for [illegible] minutes or until [illegible] when it faded at a distance of about 35 to 40 miles from the base.

2. The direction of flight was generally west on a heading of 270 to 280 degrees from Goose AB, while the altitude varied from 14,000 to 24,000 feet. The fighter aircraft were traveling at about 375 knots attempting an intercept but could not close; thus no estimate of the speed of the object could be made.

3. The object itself was reported to have no definite size or shape, but first appeared a bright red, and alternated between red and white until fading away. No jet or rocket exhausts were noted; no sound was heard, and the manner of propulsion is not determined. The observers reported that the object indicated stable maneuverability in making gentle banks and turns and shallow descents and ascents.

4. Although the object was observed visually, the radar operator in the F-94B reported a momentary "lock-on" to an unknown target during the period of observation. It is considered possible that the set "locked-on" to the altitude line, although the radar observer's position report was in agreement with the pilot's visual sighting.

5. No aerial photographs or GCI scope photographs are available. No GCI contact was made with the object.

6. During the time of the sighting the following aircraft were in the vicinity: C-54 #[illegible] and C-54 #[illegible]. One of these aircraft was sighted by the interceptors. The C-54s did not report any unusual sightings to the Control Tower.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Weather was CAVU with winds of 220/5 on the surface; 270/25 at 14,000 feet; 290/35 at 24,000 feet; visibility 30 miles.

2. This incident is Captain Johnson's second encounter with an unidentified flying object in the Goose Bay area in less than 30 days. He had previously reported sighting a similar object on 20 November. The main differences in the two reports are altitude, speed, and the degree of maneuverability. Captain Johnson is an experienced combat pilot with 1[illegible] hours total time including 650 hours in jets.

3. Lt. Norris is also an experienced pilot with [illegible] hours total time, including 264 hours in jets. A crew chief flying with Lt. Norris verified his account of the incident.

4. Both aircrews, although debriefed separately, reported substantially the same visual observations.

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Captain, USAF
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a later period six additional objects were noted. No vapor trails, exhaust, or sound was noted. This case is carried in the FTD files as being due to balloons, but aircraft would be a much more likely solution in view of the reported speed and maneuvers.

7. At Patrick AFB, Florida, on 18 July 1952, six separate observations of five different series of objects, described as lights, were reported. The initial object which set off the series of observations was a radiosonde balloon released from a point two miles south of the observer. Following this report were others describing various lights which were observed for short periods of time, usually about 10 seconds, traveling at tremendous speeds in horizontal flight without sound. These lights appeared in varying numbers. These lights are unidentified, but it is probable that they were mirages.

8. There is no case in the FTD files from any AC & W site in Michigan during the month of July 1952.

9. At Goose Bay, Labrador, on 15 December 1952, pilots of a T-33 and a F-94-B attempted, without success, to close on a bright object. The object was identified as an astronomical body.

10. There is no case in the FTD files from northern Michigan on 24 November 1951.

11. There were three cases from Japan on 29 December 1952:

a. At Chitose at 1830-2000 hours a pilot attempted to close on Jupiter.

b. At Misawa a pilot reported a UFO which was determined to have been due to the misidentification of an astronomical body.

c. At 1948-2005 there was an aerial observation of an unidentified flying object which was determined to be Venus.

12. There is no case in the FTD files from Japan on 19 April 1952.

13. On 26 September 1952 in the Azores members of an aircrew observed two lights for over an hour. These lights fluctuated in color and brightness. They were about 20° apart in azimuth and maintained their relationship to each other throughout the sighting. This case is carried as unidentified, but in all probability the sighting was due to the misidentification of distant lights on surface vessels.

14. UFO reported from Truk Atoll [illegible] identified as a C-47.

15. There is no case in the FTD files from Korea on 7 February 1953.

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TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET

FOLG MSG CM 1185 DTD 26 NOV 52 FR CO 59TH FTR INTCP SQ GOOSE BAY AB LABRADOR

FOR YOUR INFO:

"CIRVIS CONFIRM, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTED GOOSE BAY AREA AT 252156Z BY F-94B AIRCREW. OBJECT SIGHTED OVER GOOSE AIRBASE AND TRACED 4[illegible] MILES ON 180 DEGREE COURSE. ALTITUDE 1500 TO 12000 FT, SPEED 250 TO 425 KNOTS INDICATED. NO DEFINITE SHAPE, COLOR BRIGHT ORANGE AND RED. NO GCI CONTACT, AIRBORNE RADAR INOPERATIVE. OBJECT MAINTAINED SAME DISTANCE FROM F-94B DESPITE FRIENDLYS VIOLENT AERIAL MANEUVERING. NO ATTACK PASSES MADE BY UNKNOWN OBJECT. NO JET OR ROCKET EXHAUST NOTED. WEATHER CAVU, WIND 315 DEGREES/15 TO 20 KNOTS. OTHER AIRCRAFT IN AREA WERE AS FOLLOWS: C-125, C-47, DC-3, CANADIAN NORTHSTAR. PILOT REPORTS SIGHTING THESE AIRCRAFT. PILOT NAME JOHNSON, EDWIN T., AIRCRAFT NO. 438. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS."

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NEOIN 17856 FOR ATIAA-2C UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT VISUALLY SIGHTED GOOSE BAY AREA 5325N/6010W 260230Z BY F94B PILOT IN FLIGHT OBJECT SIGHTED HAD NO DEFINITE SHAPE COLOR BRIGHT ORANGE AND RED ESTIMATED SPEED 250 TO 425 KNOTS ALTITUDE 1500 TO 2000 FEET WEATHER CAVU WIND 315 DEGREES 15 TO 20 KNOTS INTERCEPTION BY F94B ATTEMPTED BUT OBJECT AMINTAIED SAME DISTANCE FROM F94B OTHER AIRCRAFT IN AREA C-124 C-47 DC-3 AND CANADIAN NORTHSTAR

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Unidentified Flying Object (FLYOBRPT)

Goose Bay, Labrador

Dir/Int, NEAC

8 December 1952

26 November 1952

C-3

NATHAN J. MEYERSON, Captain, USAF

CO, Goose AB, Labrador

1. An unidentified flying object was sighted on 26 November 1952 at 2156Z by an F-94B pilot of the 59th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Goose Air Base, Labrador.

2. Information of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAA-2c, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

APPROVED:

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Director of Intelligence

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1. The following information was furnished by the Commanding Officer, Goose Air Base, Labrador on the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

2. On 26 November 1952 at 2156Z, an unidentified flying object was sighted by an F-94B pilot assigned to the 59th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron stationed at Goose Air Base while in aerial flight in the immediate Goose Air Base area.

3. The object was first observed by both the pilot and radar observer of the F-94B over Goose Air Base, then it followed a course of 180° for approximately 40 miles. The altitude of the object varied from 1500 to 17,000 feet; estimated speed 250 to 425 knots, with a general direction of flight between South and Southwest. No definite shape or size was noted by observing aircrew. Color reported as bright orange-red with light blue-green. No jet or rocket exhausts were noted; no sound was heard, and the manner of propulsion was unknown. Object displayed excellent maneuvering as it followed friendly aircraft in steep banks and turns, always maintaining the same relative distance from aircraft; speeds were synchronized until object disappeared at 2211Z.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Intercept was attempted by F-94B aircraft but object maintained same relative distance. At this time of the year, "Northern Lights" and other phenomena peculiar to the Arctic and Sub-Arctic are prevalent which seems to substantiate the reason why the friendly aircraft could not close any distance with the object despite violent maneuvering.

2. Weather conditions encompassing the sighting period was CAVU; wind from NW 315° at 15 to 20 knots.

3. There was no activity, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

4. Other aircraft in the area during the sighting period were C-124, DC-3, and Canadian Northstar. Pilot of the F-94B stated he observed and identified the above aircraft at one time or another.

5. Pilot is an experienced combat pilot with 1800 hours total time, of which 650 hours is jet time.

Nathan J. Meyerson
NATHAN J. MEYERSON
Captain, USAF
Chief, Services Division

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-Ela/Mr. Bryant/clh/74201

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Case 15, 6 Dec 52

4 Oct 62

TO: TD-E (Lt. Col. Friend)

1. It is not possible to definitely state the cause of the blips on the scope.

2. However, three possible causes for the phenomena reported are discussed below:

a. Beacon returns, triggered by another radar,

b. Returns from variations in the atmosphere,

c. Ducting.

3. Although the report says the blips did not have the relative positions which a beacon return would give, the sketch submitted does appear to have the configuration which might be expected of a beacon. _If_ a beacon was being triggered by a radar other than the one about which this report was made, it could easily provide returns which would jump around on the scope as described. If the plane's transmitter power was very low, it is possible that it would not be strong enough to trigger the beacon. This could explain the fact that the coastline was not seen on the radar, although the gas flames from the oil refineries were seen. I would expect the radar normally to _see_ further than the eye.

4. _If_ the transmitted power was normal, blips could have been caused by variations in the atmosphere. These frequently cause blips which move across the scope with speeds varying from very slow to thousands of miles per hour.

5. If ducting were present - and over water, this condition is not unusual - the targets could have been reflections from objects many times the radar's normal range distant from the set. These targets may act rationally at times, and at times not, and may be from stationary objects on the ground.

6. I don't believe the blue-white light came from the same source as the blips. As Major Sheffield's report says, "Visual sightings are indecisive and of little confirmatory value." I agree. Perhaps in the excitement of following the unusual targets on the scope, personnel read something unusual into an incident which they normally would have recognized, or have dismissed as of no consequence.

VINCENT D. BRYANT
Defensive Electronics Branch
TD-Ela

Amateur investigators of UFOs publish many reports which they characterize as absolute proof that spaceships exist. The expert, analyzing the same reports, finds no proof at all because the actual facts and the interpretations of the witnesses are hopelessly confused. A published version of an early UFO case provides a typical example.

"Just before dawn on December 6, 1952, a B-29 bomber had encountered three saucer formations over the Gulf of Mexico. Approaching at fantastic speed, the strange, glowing machines were tracked by radar at 5240 mph. Amazed crewmen, watching from blister windows, saw several of the weird craft flash by, only blue-white streaks in the sky.

"Meanwhile a giant machine had shown up on the bomber's three radarscopes. Converging on the huge mother ship, the last group of saucers was swiftly taken aboard. Instantly the enormous craft began to accelerate. Before it went off the scopes, its speed was computed at more than 9000 mph." [illegible] see also 5, pp. [illegible]]

Before attempting to analyze this particular UFO report, the investigator must try to find out what really happened. A study of the original records [4] reveals the bare bones of this incident: on the morning of December 6, 1952, a B-29 bomber was over the Gulf of Mexico returning from a training mission. At 5:25 a.m. the student radar operator, using an uncalibrated set, observed four bright blips (radar jargon for bright spots on a radarscope; such a spot indicates the presence of an object reflecting the radar pulses, but does not reveal the nature or shape of the object). The blips were apparently returns from objects about twenty miles away, in no specific group, which rapidly moved off the scope. Similar groups of fast-moving blips appeared at intervals during a period of about five minutes, and appeared also on two auxiliary radarscopes. After the first set was calibrated, the blips reappeared; none was observed after 5:35 a.m. From the radar data estimates of size and distance were made; calculations based on these estimates indicated a probable speed of 5000 to 9000 miles an hour. During the ten-minute period two visual observations were made, lasting about three seconds, which bore no obvious relation to the radar observations: at the right of the plane one crewman saw a single blue-white streak going from front to rear under the wing, and another crewman saw two flashes of blue-white light.

No other statement in the quoted description is supported by evidence; all the rest are interpretations. The radarscope is not a movie camera and cannot picture a giant machine; it can show only spots of light that change position and size (see Chapter [illegible]). The blips moved rapidly but did not display a pattern. Since the crewmen saw only brief flashes of light, neither the radar nor the visual observations suggest that the bomber "encountered" anything at all. There is no evidence of "saucers" or "formations"—the flashes had no shape, and even two flashes do not make a "formation"; no evidence for "glowing machine," "weird craft," "giant machine," "enormous craft," "huge mother ship," "group of saucers," "converging," or being "taken aboard."

The Air Force radar experts recognize this incident as one of false targets on radar, a not uncommon occurrence (see Chapter [illegible]). The radar phantoms may have been caused by beacon returns triggered by another radar, by variations in the atmosphere, or, if "ducting" conditions existed, by reflections from objects that were far beyond the normal range of the radar set. The blue-white flashes had no relation to the radar returns and were probably meteors; the date corresponded with the beginning of the annual Geminid shower (see Chapter [illegible]).

This Gulf of Mexico incident is neither complicated nor puzzling. We mention it chiefly to illustrate why the amateur enthusiasts so often disagree with the conclusions reached by the Air Force experts. The amateur assumes that the instrument operated faultlessly and detected a solid object; he uses these assumptions to interpret the data, uses the interpretation as fact, and by this "bootstrap" process deludes himself into thinking he has proved what he assumed in the first place.

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CASE # 15

6 December 1952 Off Coast of Louisiana

On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, training mission, natural gas burnings from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check student ~~[illegible]~~ navigator's celestial, I requested the student radar to turn on the scope, which had been off from 30 miles W of Tampa, and see if he could pick up the coast there on the 100 mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the aux. scope, and both student radar and I checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time the set had not be calibrated. My attention then was attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 CST Radar called for my attention to the scope and I first noted small bright blips returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such a radar beacon transmits, Azimuth Stabilization was on. As the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved SE across the scope more than one range marker. Radar stated at that time he had 50-mile range on; indicating a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued SE to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70 deg and then out of the scope. At 150 deg Radar gave the Instructor Flight Engineer the time and distance which was computed as over 5000 mph. These groupings of blips occurred for about 5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student Navigator and Instructor Radio viewed the aux. scope and confirmed my observations. At this time I called for Radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He did this speedily and when he scanned the scope once more the blips reappeared moving SE across the scope. I called off two separate blips track and position in relation to the a/c by the clock system over interphone of the ship and as they passed at 3 o'clock, the Instructor Engineer visibly saw a blue-bright white flame go from front

The Geminids meteor shower near the peak.

[illegible]

CASE #15 (conted)

to rear under our wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch curved arc about 30 miles from our a/c at 320 deg and proceeded across the scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9000 mph. At all times during the contact the a/c was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the sky and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon giving excellent water reflection. The a/c was flyigg long range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles full up and down and didn/t lose the blips until the scanning antenna was pointed down. One [illegible] group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330 deg to 150 deg across the scope, to arc about and swing in behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for approximately 10 seconds and then disappear.

ATIC Comment:

All possibilities were checked for known aerial phenomena with negative results.

Conclusion:

Unknown

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE ✓

6 Dec 52

2. LOCATION

28°N92°W
(Off Coast of La)

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 6/2325CST

GMT 7/0525Z ←

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

AF a/c crew

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

10 min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bluish white flashes of light seen. Radar scope of a/c detected 25 targets in period of 10 min. Object were est to be 25 miles from a/c at 18,000' moving on approx 120° heading moving very fast in a straight line. No interception was attempted by a/c.

11. COMMENTS

See Radar Analysis

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Radar Anal
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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DECEMBER 6, 1952

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evidence but comments that the Geminids meteor shower was near the period. These can be traced on radar scopes. Check this anyway for mirages of bright stars.)

July 29, 1957

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

Dear Captain Wallace W. Elwood

Received your letter of May 9, 1957 containing a news release dated October 25, 1955 concerning information on UFO's. I certainly was glad to receive it. All the time I have left from my college studies I spend gathering UFO material. From my study of many sightings I would like a few questions answered concerning some of the reported unknowns observed. The following questions are just a few that I would like answered concerning what the Air Force's conclusions are on these sightings.

1. What was the object chased by Captain Thomas F. Mantell Jr. and his two wingmen Lt. A. W. Clements and Lt. B. A. Hammond over Kentucky on January 7, 1948 that ended in Capt. Mantell's death?
2. What was the Air Force's explanation of the "Montana Movie" taken on August 15, 1950 by Nick Mariana?
3. What was the Air Force's explanation of the "Tremonton Movie" taken on July 2, 1952 by Warrent Officer Delbert C. Newhouse?
4. What were the objects that flew over Washington D. C., during the month of July 1952?
5. ✓ What is the Air Force's explanation of the seven objects observed by Captain James Howard and eleven crew members and the 51 passengers aboard their British Overseas Airways Corp., Stratocruiser, The Centaurus on June 30, 1954 near Goose Bay, Labrador?
6. Why did the objects vanish into the larger ship when sabrejets approached to investigate the strange escort?
7. What was the little object that soared through the down town streets of East New Haven, Connecticut and pierced a metal billboard and vanished into the sky on August 19, 1953?
8. What are the "Green Fireballs" so often observed in the western portion of the United States?

9. A small disc 12" to 14" hit the roof of a home a short distance from my house the name and address of the party is given below. I know the sighting was reported to the Air Force.

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. Wright
2526 Hibbitts Drive
Donelson, Tennessee
Phone 44-6-3641

What is the conclusion of the origin of the little disc shaped object?

10. Is there any evidence by the objects flight maneuvers, formations, patterns, persistency, that indicates that they are machines constructed and controlled by beings from beyond the earth? ✓

11. Is there no evidence that points to intelligence, technology, and natural laws, that have not yet been achieved by our men of science? ✓

12. Can it be excepted that UFO's are not crafts constructed and controlled by beings from another world? ✓

13. Is there a possibility that these unknown flying objects come from another world? Maybe I should say Worlds? ✓

14. Is there any evidence that proves that UFO's are not coming from beyond the earth? ✓

15. Is there any evidence that proves they do come from another world? ✓

16. If we are being watched by another world, does the Air Force feel that the American people would panic if all facts were released? ✓

17. Are any facts concerning UFO's being witheld from the public at the present time? ✓

18. On December 6, 1952, a B-29 bomber encountered three saucer formation over the Gulf of Mexico. Approaching at fantastic speed, the strange, glowing machines were tracked by radar at 5240 mph. Amazed crewmen, watched from blister windows, saw several of the weird craft flash by, only blue-white streaks in the sky. After this a giant machine had shown up on the bomber's three radarscopes. Coverging on this huge mother ship, the last group of saucers was swiftly taken aboard. Instantly the enormous craft began to accelerate. Before it went off the scopes, its speed was computed at more than 9000 mph.

When the B-29 landed, its radar equipment was found to be in perfect condition. Detailed statements by the pilot, radar officer, and crew members confirmed every astonishing detail. What does the Air Force believe these craft were? What were they doing? Where were they from? At the speed at which they were computed to be traveling could they possibly be from the earth?

19. Have any fragments, crashed saucers, or anyother item that could be connected with UFO's been found? ✓

20. Have unknown objects been observed over any of our test areas in the west? (rocket test sights)

21. Have any Air Force jets disappeared, while chasing UFO's?

22. Have any of the so-called "contact" stories been proven to be true? ✓

23. Is there any proof that when "Mars" comes close to the earth as it did in 56 UFO sightings increase in number?

24. Has any hostile action been taken toward any UFO? ✓

25. Has any hostile action been taken by UFO's against any of our planes? ✓

I have a few sightings that I am sure never reached the Air Force if you want me to send them to you I will be glad to do so. If any further news releases are available please send them to me. Would it be possible to borrow any of the UFO films that you might have on hand? Also inform me if the "Project 'Blue Book'" Report Nr. 14 is available.

I certainly hope my questions can be answered, till I hear from you I remain:

Yours very sincerely

George M. Giffe Jr.

George M. Giffe Jr.

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CAMERON, W M

SAFOI-3d Tacker/mbb/72291

4 December 1959

Dear Mr. Cameron:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 11 September 1959 requesting specific information in regard to a UFO sighting of 6 December 1952. For your information, I am inclosing the memorandum report of the Air Technical Intelligence Center on this particular sighting. I hope it answers your questions.

I regret the delay in answering your letter and hope you can use this information for some future paper on this subject. Somewhere along the line your request became sidetracked and the answer was, therefore, much delayed.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosure

Mr. W. M. Cameron, Chairman
Observers Group
Ottawa Centre, R.A.S.C.
94 St. Ambroise Street
Eastview
Ottawa 2, Canada

✓Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

[illegible]

[illegible]

1. [illegible] is a brief of [illegible] questions, [illegible] by [illegible]

a. [illegible] were plotted [illegible] radar observations, [illegible] reported. [illegible] the radar operators. During [illegible] total of [illegible] objects were recorded by the radar observers. The visual observers described the objects as blue-white flashes [illegible] for only split seconds.

b. (1) Range scale used for [illegible] - [illegible] miles.

(2) Distance (in [illegible]) of the large one, [illegible] at the point where the small echoes [illegible] miles [illegible].

(3) Size in inches [illegible] in (2) above - [illegible] inch.

(4) Diameter of P.P.I. screen in inches - five inches.

(5) Distance (in miles) and bearing relative to [illegible] of large [illegible] when last [illegible] of the P.P.I. - [illegible] miles [illegible].

(6) [illegible] (5) above - approximately [illegible]

2. This report [illegible] sighting took place, [illegible] impossible to check. It [illegible] equipment in use at the time was [illegible] ability of [illegible] miles, but without range marks. [illegible] marks each [illegible] miles. This case has been classified [illegible]

A.F.

94 St. Ambroise St.,
Eastview,
Ottawa 2, Canada.

September 11th, 1959.

Department of Defense,
Office of Public Information,
Washington 25, D.C.
U.S.A.

Gentlemen:

I am committed to give a paper on unidentified flying objects at the November meeting of the Ottawa Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. I understand that this meeting will be open to the general public.

I have read a number of "flying saucer" books as a preliminary survey and find an interesting report recorded by Kehoe on pages 161 to 165 of his "Flying Saucers from Outer Space". I would be most grateful if you could furnish me with a copy of this report, dated December 6th, 1952 and having to do with U.F.O.'s buzzing a B-29 bomber.

I am particularly interested in the following details of the main radar display on the aircraft:

(1) range scale used for this observation - that is distance in miles from center to edge of P.P.I. screen at the time of observation.

(2) distance (in miles) and bearing relative to ships' head of the large echo, presumed by Kehoe to be "Mother Ship", at the point where the small echoes made contact with it.

(3) size in inches (on the PPI) of the large echo as in (2) above.

(4) diameter of P.P.I. screen in inches.

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Department of Defense,
Washington 25, D.C. September 11th, 1959.

(5) distance (in miles) and bearing relative to ship's head of large echo when last sighted leaving the edge of the P.P.I.

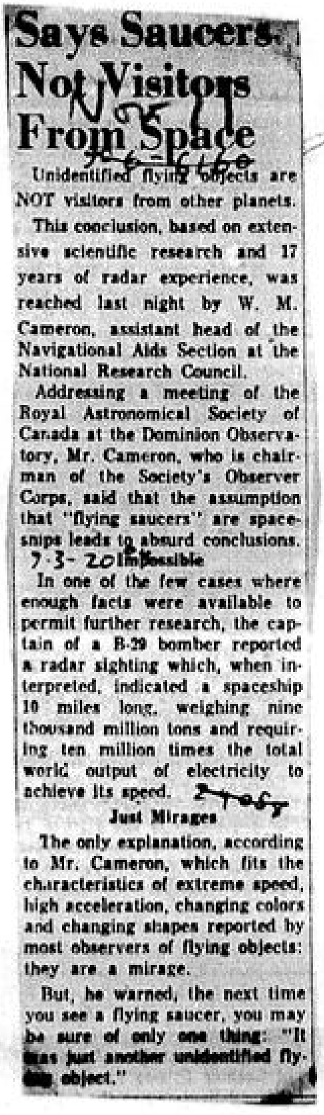
(6) time interval in seconds between occurrence of (2) and (5) above.

Yours sincerely,

WM Cameron

W. M. Cameron, Chairman,
Observers Group,
Ottawa Centre, R.A.S.C.

WMC:DG



Says Saucers Not Visitors From Space

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Unidentified flying objects are NOT visitors from other planets.

This conclusion, based on extensive scientific research and 17 years of radar experience, was reached last night by W. M. Cameron, assistant head of the Navigational Aids Section at the National Research Council.

Addressing a meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada at the Dominion Observatory, Mr. Cameron, who is chairman of the Society's Observer Corps, said that the assumption that "flying saucers" are spaceships leads to absurd conclusions.

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Impossible

In one of the few cases where enough facts were available to permit further research, the captain of a B-29 bomber reported a radar sighting which, when interpreted, indicated a spaceship 10 miles long, weighing nine thousand million tons and requiring ten million times the total world output of electricity to achieve its speed.

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Just Mirages

The only explanation, according to Mr. Cameron, which fits the characteristics of extreme speed, high acceleration, changing colors and changing shapes reported by most observers of flying objects: they are a mirage.

But, he warned, the next time you see a flying saucer, you may be sure of only one thing: "It was just another unidentified flying object."

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4		Cameron	SEE ME
	Ottawa,		SIGNATURE Canada

REMARKS

Larry- Since this letter is from out of the US and the time at which he desired the info ixxpxxxxxx has come and gone, I suggest that you forward the info with an apology for the delay.

You can use the attached info sheet without copying or retyping it. I have inclosed a Thermofax copy for your files.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Ted Hieatt	DATE 30 Nov 59
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4X3	TELEPHONE 55266

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[redacted] / G10535Z. ATTN AFOAA-2C INFO ATTN D/I DCS/O. FLYOBRPT IS REPT ON SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJ IAW AFL 200-5. ITEM ONE DESCRIPTION VISUAL BLUISH WHITE FLASHES OF LIGHT SEEN AT TIME AND IN DIRECTION INDICATED BY RADAR SIGHTING UNDETERMINED TRACK SHAPE OR SOLIDITY RADAR SEEN ON SCOPE 25 TIMES IN PERIOD OF TEN MIN ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 25 MILES FROM A/C AT 18000 FT MOVING IN APPROX 120 DEGREE HEADING AT 5240-9000 MPH IN A STRAIGHT LINE. ITEM TWO OBJ OBSRVD AT 2325 HRS CST 6 DEC 52 LGTH OF OBSRVN VISUAL SPLIT SECOND FLASHES RADAR 25 SIGHTINGS IN TEN MIN. ITEM THREE OBJ OBSRVD FROM A/C. ITEM FOUR OBSRVD FROM

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28 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH 92 DEGREES 4 MIN WEST OVER GULF OF MEXICO HEADING OE A/C 315 DEGREES NORTHWEST. ITEM FIVE IDENTIFYING INFO OF OBSVRS SIGHTED BY SIX MEMBERS OF CREW 2 VISUAL 5 BY RADAR 1ST LT NORMAN KARAS VO 1ST LT WM NAUMANN JR INST NAV M/SGT B.R. PERCELL APT S/SGT WM J DEROUSE GUNNER 2ND LT ROBERT J ECKERT NAV S/SGT H.D. SHOGREN RO. ALMOST ALL HAVE LONG TERMS OF SERVICE AND MUCH EXPERIENCE AND FLYING TIME. ITEM SIX NO WIND CLEAR DRY CAVU. ITEM SEVEN NO KNOWN MET OR OTHER CONDS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR RPT. ITEM EIGHT NO FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS EXIST. ITEM NINE NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN BY THIS HQS. ITEM TEN LOCATION OF TRAF IN AREA UNDETERMINED.

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NORTHWEST. ITEM FIVE: INDENTIFYING INFO OF OBOSVRS: SIGHED BY SIX MEMBERS OF CREW, 2 VISUAL, 5 BY RADAR: 1ST LT NORMAN KARAS, VO: 1ST LT WM NAUMANN, JR, INST NAV: M/SGT R. E. PERCELL, APT: S/SGT WM J. DEROUSE, GUNNER: 2ND LT ROBERT J ECKERT, NV: S/SGT H. D. SHOEGREN, RO., ALMOST ALL HAVE LONG TERMS OF SERVICE AND MUCH EXPERIENCE AND FLYING TIME. ITEM SIX: NO WIND, CLEAR, DRY, CAVU. ITEM SEVEN: NO KNOWN MET OR OTHER CONDS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR RPT. ITEM EIGHT: NO FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS EXIST. ITEM NINE: NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN BY THIS HQS. ITEM TEN: LOCATION OF TRAF IN AREA UNDERTERMINED.

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Altitude of A/C ?
what type A/C
Request AF/FM

Traffic in area
intercept attempted ?

Good report!

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TO: CG RANDOLPH AF BASE RANDOLPH FIELD TEXAS

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:
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INFO:

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-12-6-E

Reference your Flyobrpt dated 6 Dec 52 describing a sighting of unknown aerial object over the Gulf of Mexico. Request you forward a AF Form 112 on the incident, including the information contained in the following questions: 1) Were the visually observed flashes synchronized with the radar returns? In this connection, include a sketch of the radar returns themselves. 2) What was the azimuth of the object from the observing aircraft? Was the object seen below or above the aircraft? 3) What was the altitude of the aircraft at the time of sighting? 4) What type of aircraft was involved? From what base and was intercept action taken? 5) Were there other aircraft in the area at the time of sighting? 6) Restate the exact location of the observing aircraft. Complete information regarding the above questions will help Project Blue Book's analysis of reported sighting and your cooperation would be appreciated.

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TO CG ARIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

GIO 886M. URMSG AFOIN-ATIAA-12-6-E. PROJ BLUE BOOK, AF FORM 112 WAS FORWARDED IN DUP CYS IN COMPLIANCE W/PAR 7E(2), AFL 200-5. THIS FORM WAS FORWARDED THROUGH CHANNELS 10 DEC 52. ALL QUESTIONS ASKED IN YOUR MESSAGE WERE ANSWERED IN THIS RPT.

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1. Report did not reach Intelligence agencies until 9 December 1952. At this time Lt. R. Reed of Group Intelligence interrogated the crew members who made the sightings.

2. Interrogation revealed the objects to be arc shaped and about ½ inch in length on radar scope and visually as blue-white flashes of light with no discernable shape.

3. No aerodynamic features were noted in the visual sightings. Visual sightings were of split-second duration and only the light was observed. During these visual sightings the light appeared to be of a steady brilliance without any flaring upon disappearance. Speed of object was computed by flight engineer at 5240 MPH on basis of information obtained by V.O. Object was at approx. an altitude of 18,000 feet on a heading of 120°. No changes in heading, speed or altitude were noted. Visual sighting was made from right waist blister. Radar sightings were made over a period of 10 minutes. A total of 251,0 were sighted during this time. Sightings were made on both the main and aux. scope by V.O, Navigator and Instructor Navigator. Object appeared to move 5 miles with each sweep rotation of scope. Each rotation is of 2½ seconds duration.

4. Sighting was at 2325 CST, 6 December 1952.

5. Observation made by radar on both main and aux. scopes and visually from right waist blister of B-29 cruising at 204 K at approximate altitude of 20,000 ft. A/c was at coordinates 28°10'N - 92°04' W on a true heading 315°.

6. A/c personnel who reported sightings have several hundred hours flying time at their various positions. All are positive in their sightings and rule out any possible radar malfunction as cause of sightings.

7. Weather was CAVU. No wind. Temperature 10° C. It is not known whether there was any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which would account for the sighting.

8. There is no physical evidence of sighting.

9. No attempt was made to retrace A/c track or otherwise intercept object.

10. No other aircraft were observed in area at time of sighting.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

11. Radar sightings were definite and of such duration as to preclude any error on part of operator. Sources are certain that sightings not due to radar malfunction. Visual sightings are indecisive and of little confirmatory value.

James R Sheffield
JAMES R. SHEFFIELD
MAJOR USAF
ACTG. Wing Operations Officer

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REPORT NO. ATRC IR-16-52

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SUBJECT FLYOBRPT

AREA REPORTED ON Gulf of Mexico

FROM (Agency) 3510th Fly Tng Wg (MB), RAFB, Texas

DATE OF REPORT 20 December 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December 1952

EVALUATION B-3

PREPARED BY Lt. R. E. Reed, Ass't Op Int Officer

SOURCE Crew Members of B-29

REFERENCES Teletype, this headquarters, # GIO 539 & FLYOBRPT and AFL 200-5

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II)

1. In reference to teletype, this headquarters, 6232Z December 1952, number GIO 539 & FLYOBRPT and AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, a report is submitted on the sighting of unidentified aerial object/or objects.

2. Total of 25 radar sightings made on unidentified object/or objects by a B-29 cruising at 20AB on heading of 315 degrees at altitude approximately 20,000; coordinates at time of sightings 28 degrees 10 minutes North - 92 degrees 4 minutes West. Confirmed by two visual sightings. Object appeared as an arc or series of arc on radar scope. Visually they appeared as blue-white flashes of light.

3. This is the first reported sighting of unidentified objects in this area by personnel from this Station.

APPROVED:

James W. Sheffield
JAMES W. SHEFFIELD
Major, USAF
Acting Wing Operations Officer

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1. MAP
2. SKETCH
3. CERTIFICATES

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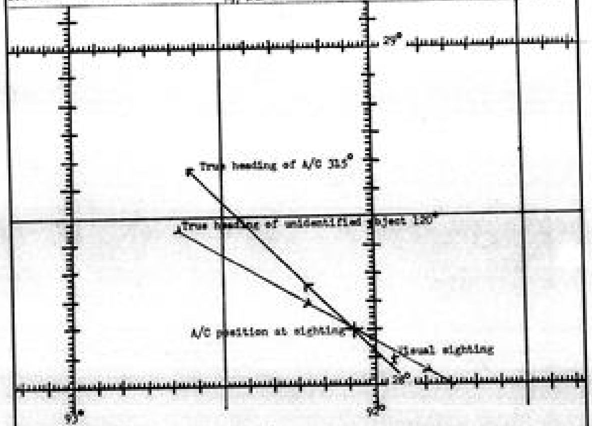

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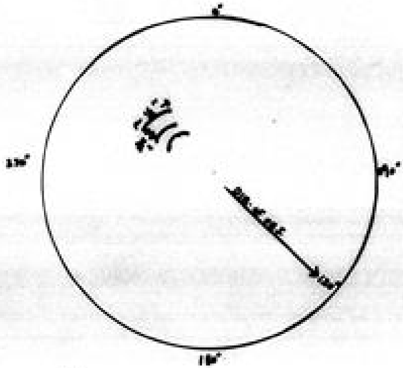

Appearance of objects on Radar Scope
Scope Range - 40 n.m.

@ 1st Sweep 1/3 out from Scope Center
@ 2nd Sweep 1/2 out from Scope Center

1 Sweep Rotation = 2 1/4 Sec.

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CERTIFICATE

I, M/Sgt Purcell, B. R. AF 18010647, do certify that:

At approximately 11:25 G.C.T. an announcement was made over the interphone, to the effect that unusual objects were appearing on the radar scope.

At the time of this announcement I was relieving the student aircraft performance technician at that position.

The radar operator clocked the objects (about four or five were clocked) and called the times to me; and I computed the air speed of the objects to average 3140 statute miles per hour.

Twice during the period—11:25 G.C.T. and 11:37 G.C.T., the radar operator reported the objects to be passing at "Three o'clock". Upon looking out the window, I saw a blue-white streak travel front to rear and disappear under the wing.

B. R. Purcell
B. R. PURCELL
M/SGT USAF
AF 18010647

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I, 2/Lt Eckert, Robert J. AO 2225420, do certify that:

The instructor Navigator was looking at the radar scope at the time the unidentified objects appeared. I looked over his shoulder 3 or 4 times to look at them and I saw about 1 or 2 of the objects on the scope each time. The objects moved about 5 miles every time the sweep went around. The sweep makes a complete revolution every 2½ seconds. One object came directly towards the center of the scope and then disappeared.

Robert J. Eckert

ROBERT J. ECKERT
2/LT USAF
AO2225420

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I, S/Sgt DeMause, William J. AF 37029734 do certify that:

After the radar operator reported sighting objects on the set, he reported the object at approximately 4:00. I immediately looked in that position and saw two flashes of approximately 3 seconds, which did not alter course whatsoever. The flash was of a blue-white nature and did not change brilliance as flash when it disappeared. The moon was very bright and the sky was clear, however, no object forward of the flash was visible.

William J. DeMause

WILLIAM J. DE MAUSE
S/SGT USAF
AF 37029734

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I, S/Sgt Shogren, Harry D. AF 39815213, do certify that:

My observations came about as a result of the instructor Navigator. He evidenced some surprise at certain unidentifiable objects that were moving at extreme speeds across the radar scope in his position. I looked over his shoulder and he indicated about five objects that he considered to be something other than beasts.

At this time I observed one small, almost round object approaching the center of the scope from an angle estimated at about 10 o'clock. After another sweep of the scope, it appeared much closer to the center of the scope and approaching at 9 o'clock. I thought this rapid motion, on this observation, was probably the result of an unusual aircraft movement. This, however, was not so as I observed we were maintaining a normal altitude and our altitude was constant. Furthermore, there was no turbulence at any time during this period.

My second observation about ten minutes later was of three objects about ½ inch long and around. They were moving in an clockwise direction and were about halfway between center and edge of the scope. Flight conditions stable.

Harry D Shogren
HARRY D. SHOGREN
S/SGT USAF
AF 39815213

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I, 1/Lt. Karas, Norman AO 1869804, do certify that:

On 6 December 1952, while flying over the Gulf of Mexico towards Galveston, Texas, the flight engineer finished transferring fuel and I then turned on my radar set.

I noticed an unidentified object approaching our aircraft at a terrific rate of speed. I timed it as best as I could with my stopwatch over a known distance and the instructor flight engineer computed the speed as 5240 MPH. I alerted the entire crew to look for the object visually and some flashes of light were noticed. The closest the objects came were approximately 20 miles. I saw about twenty objects in all, sometimes as much as two and three on the scope at one time. I re-calibrated the set and there was no change.

The object was small and possibly round, with the exception of one very large return shaped as follows:

moved as arrow indicates.

I also noticed a large return come up to within 40 miles of our tail from behind, and then disappear.

To the best of my knowledge, I believe that this object was real and moved at an extremely high speed and was not a set malfunction or optical illusion.

Norman Karas
NORMAN KARAS
1/Lt USAF
AO 1869804

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I, Naumann, William W., AO2064632, do certify that:

On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, Training mission #6,
100 after altering to a track of 320° from a point SE of TP #6,2705-9300, natural
gas burnings from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check
the student Navigator s celestial, I requested the student radar to turn on the
scope, which had been off from 30 miles west of Tampa, and see if he could pick
up the coast there on the 100 mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient
time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the aux.
scope, and both student radar and I checked for coastline returns and found
none. At this time the set had not been calibrated. My attention then was
attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 CST, ~~coord. 2820-9300~~, Radar operator Engineer
Radar called for my attention to the scope and I first noted small bright blips
returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such as a radar beacon
transmits, apparent on the scope at 330°. Azimuth Stabilization was on. As
the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved SE across the scope more than
one range marker. Radar stated at that time he had 50 mile range on; indicating
a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued
SE to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70° and then out of the
scope. At 150° Radar gave the Instructor Flight Engineer the time and distance
which was computed as over 9000 MPH. These groupings of blips occurred for about
5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student Navigator
and Insturctor Radio viewed the aux. scope and confirmed my observations. At
this time I called for Radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility
of malfunction. He did this speedily and when he scanned the scope once more
the blips reappeared moving SE across the scope. I called off two separate
blips track and position in relation to the aircraft by the clock system
over interphone of the ship and as they passed at 3o'clock, the Instructor
Engineer visibly saw a blue-bright white flame go from front to rear under our
wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into
a ½ inch curved arc about 30 miles from our a/c at 320° and proceeded across the
scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9000 MPH. At all times during the
contact the a/c was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the
sky and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon giving excellent water
reflection. Wind computed by a celestial 3 star fix shot 10 minutes to 1st
contact was 276/24 using TH 315, GS 186 and 204 TAS. The aircraft was flying
long range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles
full up and down and didn't lose the blips until the scanning antenna was
pointed down. One group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted,
after moving from 330° to 150° across the scope, to arc about and swing in
behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for
approximately 10 seconds and then disappear.

William W. Naumann Jr
WILLIAM W. NAUMANN, JR.
1/LT USAF
AO 2064632

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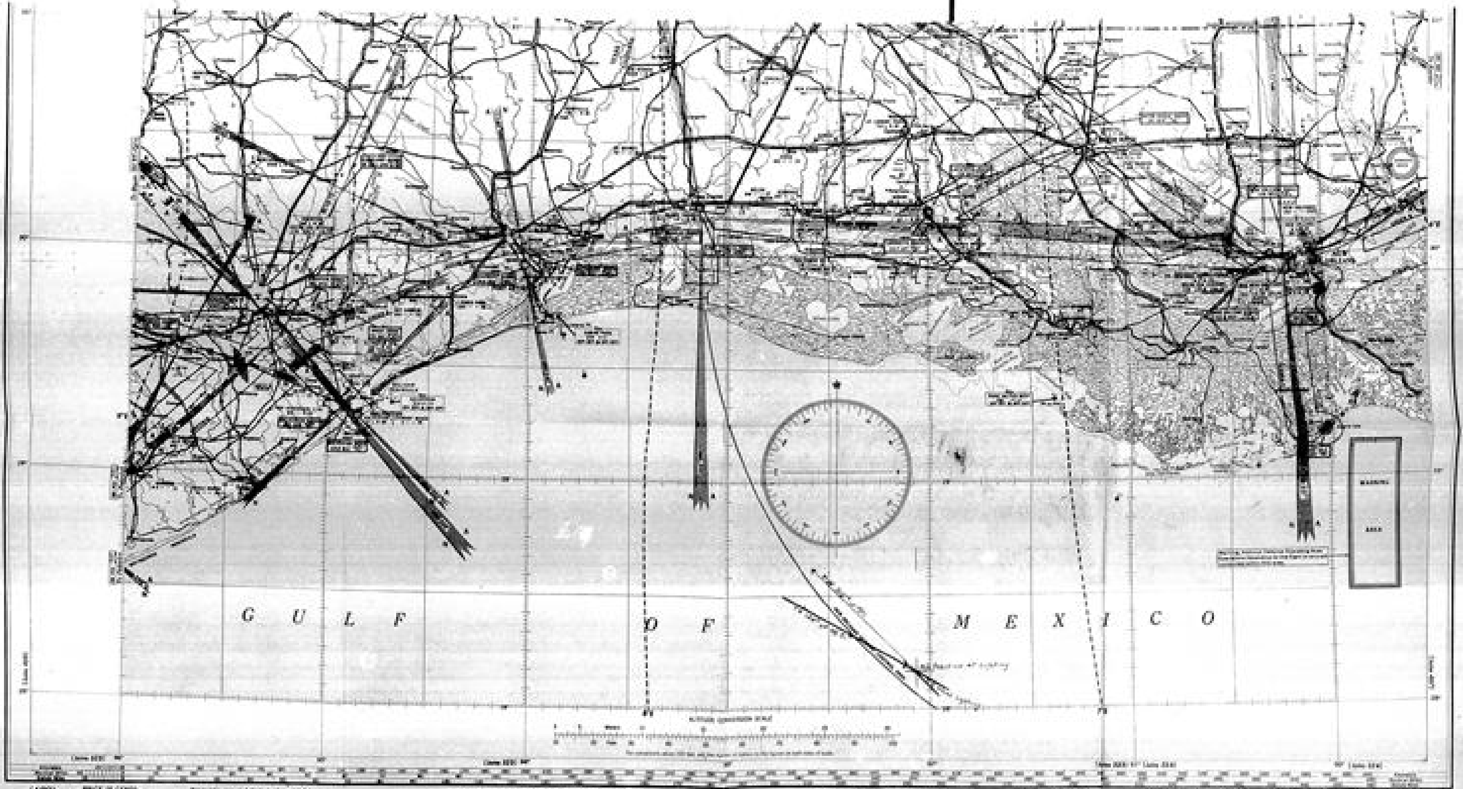
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Position of sighting

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SCALE 1:1,000,000

GALVESTON BAY (468)

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IS RPT ON SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJ IAW AFL 200-5. ITEM ONE: DESCRIPTION: VISUAL: BLUISH WHITE FLASHES OF LIGHT SEEN AT TIME AND IN DIRECTION INDICATED BY RADAR SIGHTING, UNDETERMINED TRACK, SHAPE, OR SOLIDITY: RADAR: SEEN ON SCOPE 25 TIMES IN PERIOD OF TEN MIN, ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 25 MILES FROM A/C, AT 10,000 FT, MOVING IN APPROX 120 DEGREE HEADING AT [illegible] MPH IN A STRAIGHT LINE. ITEM TWO: OBJ OBSRVD AT 2325 HRS CST, 6 DEC 52: LGTH OF OBSERVATION: VISUAL: SPLIT SECOND FLASHES: RADAR: 25 SIGHTINGS IN TEN MIN. ITEM THREE: OBJ OBSRVD FROM A/C. ITEM FOUR: OBSRVD FROM 28 DEGREES 17 MIN NORTH, 93 DEGREES 4 MIN WEST OVER GULF OF MEXICO: HEADING OF A/C 325 DEGREES NORTHWEST. ITEM FIVE: IDENTIFYING INFO OF OBSERVERS: SIGHTED BY SIX MEMBERS OF CREW, 2 VISUAL, 3 BY RADAR: 1ST LT [illegible], VOB 1ST LT [illegible], JR, INST NAV: S/SGT [illegible], AP: S/SGT [illegible], [illegible] 2ND LT [illegible], [illegible]: S/SGT [illegible], JR., ALMOST ALL HAVE LONG TERMS OF SERVICE AND MUCH EXPERIENCE AND FLYING TIME. ITEM SIX: NO WIND, CLEAR, DRY, CAVU. ITEM SEVEN: NO KNOWN MET OR OTHER CONDS WOULD ACCOUNT FOR RPT. ITEM EIGHT: NO FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS EXIST. ITEM NINE: NO INTCP OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN BY THIS HQS. ITEM TEN: LOCATION OF TRAFFIC IN AREA UNDETERMINED.

[illegible] JWPDL [illegible]

Good report!

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 6 Dec. 1952	2. LOCATION Gulf of Mexico	3. TIME Local: 2325 CST Zebra: 0525

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
- ☐ Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☑ No
observed by Air radar
- ☐ By One Set
- ☐ By Two Sets
- ☐ By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☑ Yes ☐ No
- 1 A/C Observed Object
- ☐ Interception Attempted
- ☐ No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- __ A/C Scrambled
- ☐ Visual Contact Made
- ☐ A/I Contact Made
- ☐ No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☑ No
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:
- ☑ Blinking
- ☐ Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:
- ☐ 1-15 Seconds
- ☐ 1-5 Minutes
- ☑ Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)
C.G. Randolph AFB, Tex.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?
Nil

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☑ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☑ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☑ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- ☑ Night
- ☐ Day
- ☐ Sunrise
- ☐ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Unknown, until more data obtained
- ☐ One Aircraft
- ☑ More Than One Aircraft

18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☐ No

ATIC Form 334 (13 Aug 52)

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☑ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:
- ☑ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:
- ☑ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: ____________________
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☑ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

Further analysis awaiting additional info. Actually insufficient info.

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PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? ________________)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? ________________)

7. CLOUD COVER:
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _______ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

"No wind, clear, dry and CAVU"

ATIC Form 333 (13 Aug 52)

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DEC. 6. 1952 GULF OF MEXICO (KEYHOE-1953 P 161) 5 WITNESSES

AT 9.24 A.M. A B-29 BOMBER. PILOTED BY CAPTAIN JOHN HARTER. WAS 190 MILES FROM GALVESTON AND ABOUT 100 MILES SOUTH OF THE LOUISANA COAST. THE B-29. CRUISING IN BRIGHT MOONLIGHT AT 18.000 FEET. WAS RETURNING TO ITS BASE IN TEXAS. A MINUTE BEFORE. HARTER HAD CALLED THE RADAR OFFICER. LIEUTENANT SID COLEMAN. AND ASKED HIM TO TURN ON THE SET. SO HE COULD CHECK THE COASTLINE ON THE AUXILIARY SCOPE IN THE COCKPIT.

AT 5.25. BACK IN THE SHIP. COLEMAN WAS WATCHING THE MAIN RADARSCOPE TO SEE IF THE COAST SHOWED UP. SUDDENLY THE BLIP OF SOME UNKNOWN OBJECT APPEARED AT ONE EDGE OF THE SCREEN. WHEN THE SWEEP MADE ITS NEXT REVOLUTION. COLEMAN JUMPED.

IN THAT BRIEF MOMENT THE UNKNOWN OBJECT HAD GONE 13 MILES.

A THIRD BLIP LEAPED ONTO THE SCOPE AS THE ONCOMING OBJECT STREAKED TOWARD THE B-29. FOR AN INSTANT IT SEEMED THEY WOULD MEET HEAD-ON. THEN COLEMAN SAW THEIR PATHS WERE DIVERGING. HE SNATCHED UP HIS STOP-WATCH. YELLED FOR THE FLIGHT ENGINEER.

BAILEY. HELP ME TRACK THIS THING.

BEFORE THE BLIPS FADED. COLEMAN AND THE STAFF SERGEANT SWIFTLY COMPUTED THE UNKNOWN-S SPEED.

IT WAS 5.240 MILES AN HOUR.

THE TWO MEN GAPED AT EACH OTHER. THEN COLEMAN GRABBED HIS INTERCOM MIKE AND CALLED THE PILOT.

CAPTAIN -- CHECK YOUR SCOPE. WE JUST CLOCKED AN UNKNOWN AT OVER 5.000.

THAT-S IMPOSSIBLE. SNAPPED HARTER. *RECALIBRATE THE SET.*

AS COLEMAN HURRIEDLY WENT TO WORK. MASTER SERGEANT BAILEY BENT OVER THE SCOPE.

THERE-S ANOTHER ONE -- TWO OF THEM. HE EXCLAIMED.

A SECOND LATER LIEUTENANT CASSIDY. THE NAVIGATOR. CUT IN ON THE INTERCOM.

I-VE GOT -EM ON MY SCOPE. TOO HE SAID TAUTLY.

BY THE TIME COLEMAN FINISHED RECALIBRATING. THE BLIPS OF FOUR UFO-S WERE RACING ACROSS HIS SCREEN. ABRUPTLY. HARTER-S CRISP VOICE CAME THROUGH THE INTERCOM.

I-VER GOT FOUR UNKNOWNS AT 12 O-CLOCK (DEAD AHEAD). WHAT DO YOU SHOW.

THEY-RE ON ALL THREE SCOPES. SAID COLEMAN. *I-VE RECALIBRATED -- IT-S NO MALFUNCTION.*

UP IN THE COCKPIT. HARTER INCREDULOUSLY WATCHED THE SWIFT-MOVING BLIPS CROSS HIS GLASS. AS ONE APPROACHED ON THE RIGHT. HE CALLED OUT A HASTY ALERT.

UNKNOWN AT 3 O-CLOCK.

BACK IN THE B-29. BAILEY SPRANG TO THE RIGHT WAIST BLISTER AND PEERED OUT INTO THE NIGHT. ASTONISHED. HE SAW A BLUE-LIT OBJECT STREAK FROM FRONT TO REAR. MOVING SO FAST IT WAS ONLY A BLUE-WHITE BLUR. THE OBJECT VANISHED UNDER THE BOMBER-S WING.

THE STRANGE OBJECT HAD HARDLY DISAPPEARED WHEN ANOTHER GROUP OF BLIPS CAME ONTO ALL THREE SCOPES. LIKE THE OTHER OBJECTS. THE NEW GROUP WAS MAKING OVER 5.000 MILES AN HOUR. TO MAKE IT WORSE. THEY WERE ALL COMING FROM ALMOST DEAD AHEAD. THOUGH THEIR COURSE STILL DIVERGED ENOUGH TO MISS THE BOMBER BY MILES. THE SLIGHTEST CHANGE MIGHT PUT THE CREW IN INSTANT PERIL. AT THOSE TERRIFIC SPEEDS THEY WOULDN-T HAVE A PRAYER. AND EVERY MAN ABOARD KNEW IT.

SIX MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SIGHTING. THERE WAS A SUDDEN LULL. AS THE SCOPES CLEARED. COLEMAN DREW A LONG BREATH. APPARENTLY THE NIGHTMARE WAS OVER.

A MINUTE PASSED. THE TENSE AIRMEN WERE SLOWLY BEGINNING TO RELAX WHEN A THIRD GROUP OF BLIPS FLASHED ONTO THE SCOPES. COLEMAN SEIZED HIS STOP-WATCH. SWIFTLY CALLED OFF THE TIMES AND DISTANCES. BAILEY FIGURED THE SPEEDS. GRIMLY NODDED.

SAME AS BEFORE. HE MUTTERED.

THE RADAR OFFICER BENT OVER THE SCREEN. TWO OF THE UFO-S WERE ROCKETING BY ON THE RIGHT.

UNKNOWNS AT FOUR O-CLOCK. HE BAWLED INTO THE MIKE.

STAFF SERGEANT FERRIS BEAT BAILEY TO THE WAIST BLISTER. OPEN-MOUTHED. HE WATCHED TWO OBJECTS STREAK BY -- MERE BLURS OF BLUE-WHITE LIGHT.

UP IN THE COCKPIT. HARTER-S EYES WERE GLUED TO THE AUXILIARY SCOPE. FORTY MILES AWAY. FIVE OF THE OBJECTS WERE RACING BEHIND THE BOMBER. CUTTING ACROSS ITS COURSE.

SUDDENLY THE OBJECTS SWERVED. HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE B-29. HARTER FROZE. AT THEIR TERRIFIC SPEED THEY WOULD CLOSE THE GAP IN THREE SECONDS.

BUT BEFORE HE COULD MOVE THE CONTROLS. AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED. ABRUPTLY THE ONRUSHING UFO-S SLOWED TO THE BOMBER-S SPEED. FOR TEN SECONDS THEY KEPT PACE BEHIND IT. WHILE THE PILOT HELD HIS BREATH.

THEN. SWIFTLY PICKING UP SPEED. THE UNKNOWN OBJECTS PULLED OFF TO ONE SIDE. AT THE SAME MOMENT HARTER CAUGHT SIGHT OF A HUGE BLIP -- A HALF-INCH SPOT ON THE SCOPE. AMAZED. HE SAW THE MOST FANTASTIC THING OF ALL.

STILL MOVING AT OVER 5.000 MILES AN HOUR. THE SMALLER OBJECTS MERGED WITH THE LARGER OBJECT. INSTANTLY. THE HUGE BLIP BEGAN TO ACCELERATE. MOVING SO FAST THAT HARTER SAT STUNNED. IT FLASHED ACROSS HIS SCOPE AND WAS GONE.

A FEW MOMENTS LATER COLEMAN-S AWED VOICE CAME THROUGH THE INTERCOM.

CAPTAIN. DID YOU SEE THAT.

YES -- I SAW IT. SAID HARTER.

WE CLOCKED IT. SAID COLEMAN. *YOU WON-T BELIEVE THIS -- IT WAS MAKING OVER 9.000 MILES AN HOUR.*

I BELIEVE IT. ALL RIGHT. HARTER SAID GRIMLY. *THAT-S JUST WHAT I FIGURED.*

OVER 9,000 MILES AN HOUR."

"I BELIEVE IT, ALL RIGHT," MARTER SAID GRIMLY. "THAT'S JUST WHAT I FIGURED."

FOR THE REST OF THE WAY, HE KEPT THE CREW ON ALERT, BUT NO MORE UFO APPEARED.

CAPTAIN MARTER HAD RADIOED AHEAD, AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WERE WAITING WHEN THEY LANDED. OVER AND OVER THE AIRMEN WERE INTERROGATED, SEPARATELY AND TOGETHER. NOTHING COULD CHANGE THEIR STORY, AND STATEMENTS IN THE REPORT SHOWED THEIR FIRM CONVICTION.

CAPTAIN MARTER. "ONE GROUP OF BLIPS WAS NOTED AFTER THE SET WAS CALIBRATED, TO ARC ABOUT AND SWING IN BEHIND US AT ABOUT 30 MILES, AND MAINTAIN SPEED AND DISTANCE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN SECONDS... CONTACT WAS BROKEN OFF AT 0535, AFTER A GROUP OF THE BLIPS MERGED INTO A ONE-HALF-INCH ARC AND PROCEEDED ACROSS THE SCOPE AND OFF IT AT A COMPUTED SPEED OF OVER 9,000 M.P.H."

LIEUTENANT COLEMAN. "I NOTICED ONE UFO APPROACH OUR AIRCRAFT AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED. I TIMED IT AS BEST I COULD WITH A STOP-WATCH OVER A KNOWN DISTANCE AND THE FLIGHT ENGINEER COMPUTED THE SPEED AT 5,240 M.P.H. I ALERTED THE ENTIRE CREW TO LOOK FOR THE OBJECTS VISUALLY, AND FLASHES OF LIGHT WERE NOTED. THE CLOSEST THE OBJECTS CAME WAS APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES. I SAW ABOUT 20 OBJECTS IN ALL... I RECALIBRATED THE SET AND THERE WAS NO CHANGE.

"THE OBJECTS WERE SMALL AND POSSIBLY ROUND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE VERY LARGE RETURN SHAPED AS FOLLOWS, ONE-HALF-INCH CURVED ARC. I ALSO NOTICED A LARGE RETURN COME UP TO WITHIN 40 MILES OF OUR TAIL FROM BEHIND AND THEN DISAPPEAR. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I BELIEVE THAT THIS OBJECT WAS REAL AND MOVED AT AN EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED AND WAS NOT A SET MALFUNCTION OR OPTICAL ILLUSION."

MASTER SERGEANT BAILEY. "THE RADAR OPERATOR CLOCKED THE OBJECT (THE FIRST ONE SEEN) AND I COMPUTED THE AIR SPEED OF THE OBJECT TO AVERAGE 5,240 M.P.H. TWICE DURING THE PERIOD, THE RADAR OPERATOR REPORTED AN OBJECT TO BE PASSING AT 3 O'CLOCK. UPON LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW, I SAW A BLUE-WHITE STREAK TRAVEL FRONT TO REAR AND DISAPPEAR UNDER THE WING."

STAFF SERGEANT FERRIS. "AFTER THE RADAR OPERATOR REPORTED OBJECTS APPROACHING AT 4 O'CLOCK, I IMMEDIATELY LOOKED IN THAT POSITION AND SAW TWO

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SAFOI-3d [illegible] Tacker/mhb/72291

14 March 1961

[illegible] Dec. 6, 1952; what conclusion in the Gulf of Mexico case, where three groups of UFO's were seen and radar-tracked by the crew of AF B-29 bomber, and a very large object was tracked at over 9,000 m.p.h. after one group of UFO's had merged with [illegible]:

a. The object which was tracked by radar 6 December 1952 is carried as unidentified in the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center files.

Another strange sighting occurred over the Gulf of Mexico as a B-29 bomber was returning to its base in Texas. It was just before dawn on December 6, 1952, less than 48 hours after Lieutenant Fogle's near collision at Laredo, Texas.

Approaching the end of a night practice flight to Florida, the B-29 was cruising in bright moonlight at 18,000 feet. At 5:24 a.m., the big bomber, piloted by Capt. John Harter, was 190 miles from Galveston and about 100 miles south of the Louisiana coast. A minute before, Harter had called the radar officer, Lt. Sid Coleman, and asked him to turn on the set, so he could check the coastline on the auxiliary scope in the cockpit.

At 5:25, Coleman was watching the main radarscope. The blip of some unknown object appeared at one edge of the screen. When the sweep made its next revolution, Coleman jumped. In that brief moment, the unknown craft had gone 13 miles!

Another blip leaped onto the scope as the oncoming object streaked toward the B-29. For an instant, it seemed that they would meet head-on. Then Coleman saw their paths were diverging. He yelled for the flight engineer: "Help me track this thing!"

Before the blips faded, Coleman and the staff sergeant swiftly computed the unknown's speed. It was 5,240 miles an hour.

"That's impossible," snapped Harter. "Recalibrate the set."

By the time Coleman finished recalibrating, the blips of four UFO's were racing across his screen. "They're on all three scopes," said Coleman. "I've recalibrated. It's no malfunction."

Master Sergeant Bailey leaped to the right waist blister and peered out into the night. He saw a blue-lit object streak from front to rear. Moving so fast it was only a blue-white blur, the saucer vanished under the bomber's wing. The strange machine had hardly disappeared when another group of blips came into all three scopes. Like the other machines, the new group was making over 5,000 miles an hour. To make it worse, they were all coming from almost dead ahead. Though their course still diverged enough to miss the bomber by miles, the slightest change might have put the crew in instant peril. At those terrific speeds, they wouldn't have a prayer, and every man aboard knew it.

Six minutes after the first sighting, there was a sudden lull. The tense airmen were beginning to relax when a third group of blips flashed onto the scopes. The radar officer bent over the screen. Two of the UFO's were rocketing by on the right. "Unknowns at four o'clock," he bawled.

Staff Sergeant Ferris beat Bailey to the blister. He watched two machines streak by, mere blurs of blue-white light. Up in the cockpit, Harter's eyes were glued to the auxiliary scope. Forty miles away, five of the saucers were racing behind the bomber. Suddenly, the saucers swerved, headed straight for the B-29. Before Harter could move the controls, an incredible thing happened. The onrushing UFO's slowed to the bomber's speed. For 10 seconds, they kept pace. Then, swiftly picking up speed, the unknown machines pulled off to one side. At the same moment, Harter caught sight of a huge blip—a half-inch spot on the scope. Amazed, he saw the most fantastic thing of all.

Still moving at more than 5,000 miles an hour, the smaller craft merged with the large machine. Instantly, the huge blip began to accelerate. It flashed across Harter's scope and was gone.

The meaning of what they had seen was inescapable. The discs had been launched from a huge mother ship for some type of reconnaissance mission. After the B-29 was sighted, one group had been diverted for a brief observation. Then, flying at 5,000 mph, they had been taken back aboard the mother ship. It was almost unbelievable. But the radar set had been working perfectly, and the visual confirmation, as Bailey and Ferris saw the machines flash by, was final, absolute proof. Three separate times, saucers had been seen exactly where the three radarscopes showed them.

Checking Coastline Returns

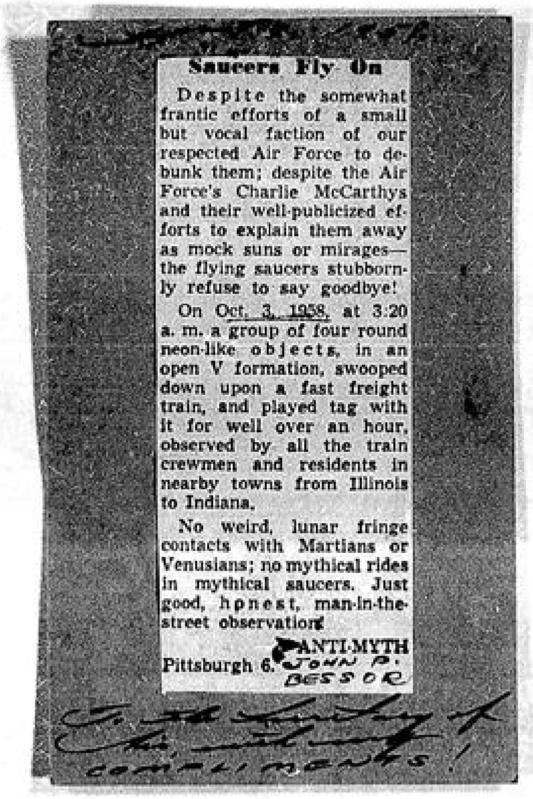
The ATIC summary, written by the pilot, follows:

"On the return leg from Florida to Galveston, Texas, training mission, natural-gas burnings from oil refineries on the Louisiana coast were noted. To check student navigator's celestial, I requested the student radar to turn on the scope, which had been off from 30 miles W of Tampa, and see if he could pick up the coast there on the 100-mile range. After the set was on for a sufficient time to warm up, I was given permission to turn up the brilliance on the aux. scope, and both student and I checked for coastline returns and found none. At this time, the set had not been calibrated. My attention then was attracted from the scope for a period of time. At 0525 CST, radar called for my attention to the scope, and I first noted small bright blips returns, approximately 4, with no specific grouping such as a radar beacon transmits. Azimuth stabilization was on. As the sweep rotated one revolution, the blips moved SE across the scope, more than one range marker.

"Radar stated at that time he had 50-mile range on, indicating a movement of 12-14 miles. With each successive revolution, the blips continued SE to a point 15-20 miles from the ship at a bearing of 70 deg. and then out of the scope. At 150 deg., radar gave the instructor flight engineer the time and distance, which was computed as over 5,000 mph. These groupings of blips occurred for about 5 minutes and speeds were recomputed. During this period, student navigator and instructor radio viewed the aux. scope and confirmed my observations. At this time, I called for radar to calibrate his set to eliminate any possibility of malfunction. He did this speedily, and when he scanned the scope once more, the blips reappeared moving SE across the scope. I called off two separate blips track and position in relation to the aircraft by the clock system over interphone of the ship, and as they passed at 3 o'clock, the instructor engineer visibly saw a blue-bright white flame go from front to rear under our wing. Contact was broken off at 0535 after a group of the blips merged into a ½-inch curved arc about 30 miles from our aircraft at 320 deg. and proceeded across the scope and off it at a computed speed of over 9,000 mph. At all times during the contact, the aircraft was level and stable, the weather was clear, not a cloud in the sky, and visibility was excellent. There was a full moon, giving excellent water reflection. The aircraft was flying long-range cruise at the time. Radar checked the blips at all scan tilt angles full up and down and didn't lose the blips until the scanning antenna was pointed down. One group of blips after the scope was calibrated were noted, after moving from 330 deg. to 150 deg. across the scope, to arc about and swing in behind us at approximately 30 miles and maintain speed and distance for approximately 10 seconds and then disappear."

A Cluster of Lights

The ATIC comment was: "All possibilities were checked for known aerial phenomena. The conclusion was: "Unknown."



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Saucers Fly On

Despite the somewhat frantic efforts of a small but vocal faction of our respected Air Force to debunk them; despite the Air Force's Charlie McCarthys and their well-publicized efforts to explain them away as mock suns or mirages—the flying saucers stubbornly refuse to say goodbye!

On Oct. 3, 1958, at 3:20 a. m. a group of four round neon-like objects, in an open V formation, swooped down upon a fast freight train, and played tag with it for well over an hour, observed by all the train crewmen and residents in nearby towns from Illinois to Indiana.

No weird, lunar fringe contacts with Martians or Venusians; no mythical rides in mythical saucers. Just good, honest, man-in-the-street observation.

ANTI-MYTH
Pittsburgh 6. JOHN P. BESSOR

To the [illegible] of this [illegible] with my
COMPLIMENTS!

Do you have this?

ATIC

1587 Union Street
Brooklyn 13, New York
March 16, 1959

Office of Public Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please refer to my letter of January 25, 1959.

On January 28 I received News Release NO. 63-59 of January 22, this year, concerning the Air Force UFO Study. This is not, of course, an answer to my letter, in which I requested specific information, repeated as follows for your convenience:

"I would greatly appreciate the acquisition of the basic details concerning these two cases that were considered "unknown." I realize that Air Force policy requires deleting the names of witnesses and certain data considered classified pertaining to radar and aircraft. However, such data as the date, location, number of objects, and size and shape of the objects, would be quite satisfactory.

"Various papers in Indiana carried an extremely interesting UFO observation made in the early morning hours of October 3, 1958, by the crewmen of Freight #91 of the Monon Railroad. They reported seeing four disc-shaped objects in central Indiana that played "tag" with their train for over an hour. What was the Air Force conclusion for this case?"

I would appreciate having a definite answer to my questions.

I am sending copies of this letter to certain members of Congress, including Senator Lyndon Johnson, whose attention has already been called to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Herbert S. Taylor

Herbert S. Taylor

Dear Mr Taylor -

This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 March 1959 concerning unidentified flying objects particularly an unknown sighting 3 Oct '58. The United States Air Force has no record of this sighting.

Sincerely,

LJT

MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NEVER [illegible] FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

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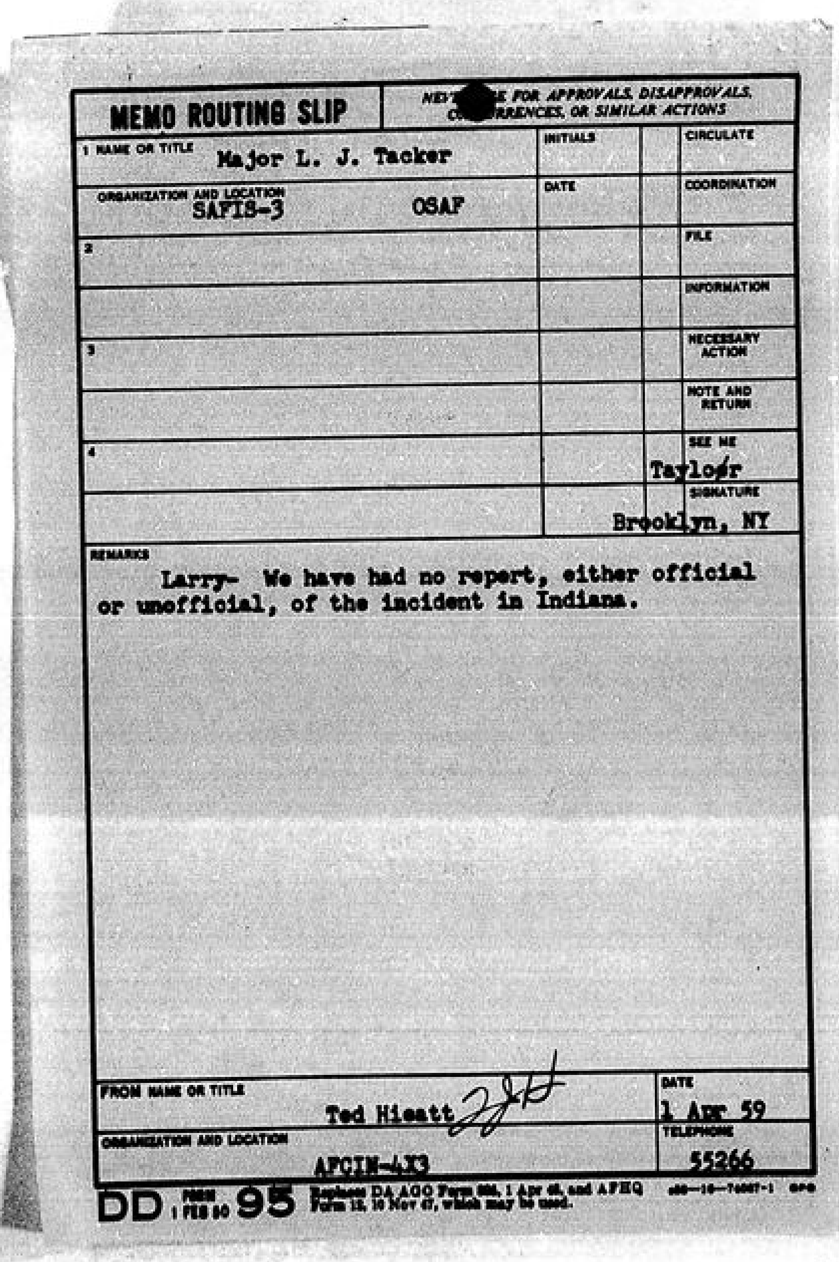
REMARKS

Do you have this??

FROM NAME OR TITLE Major Lawrence Tacker/SAFIS-3	DATE 18 Mar
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	TELEPHONE 74966

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.



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REMARKS

Larry- We have had no report, either official or unofficial, of the incident in Indiana.

FROM NAME OR TITLE Ted Hieatt	DATE 1 Apr 59
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4X3	TELEPHONE 55266

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 95 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used. [illegible] GPO the dispatchers office in Lafayette, where the train radio signals are monitored, and Bunker Hill has urged the train crew to be especially watchful between three and four o'clock in the morning.

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UFOs SERIOUS BUSINESS

(Excerpt from statement issued by the Defense Department, December 24, 1959)

Unidentified flying objects - sometimes treated lightly by the press and referred to as "flying saucers" - must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business in the Zone of Interior. As AFR 200-2 points out, the Air Force concern with these sightings is threefold: First of all, is the object a threat to the defense of the U.S.? Secondly, does it contribute to technical or scientific knowledge? And then there's inherent USAF responsibility to explain to the American people through public information media what is going on in their skies.

The phenomena or actual objects comprising UFO's will tend to increase, with the public more aware of goings on in space but still inclined to some apprehension. Technical and defense considerations will continue to exist in this area.

What is required is that every UFO sighting be investigated and reported to the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB and that explanation to the public be realistic and knowledgeable.

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Cecil Bridge, fireman on No. 91, was one of train crew who watched UFO's. He is a former Air Force man with 450 hours of heavy bomber time and knows what planes look like. "We see planes every night, lots of them," Bridge insists. "These were not airplanes!"

UFO
BUZZES TRAIN

The Crew of Monon No. 91 had strange company on their way to Indianapolis—four companionable, curious UFO's.

By Frank Edwards

WITNESSES IN Danville, Ill., saw the things to the east as swiftly moving lights. They paused occasionally to dart away in a different direction.

Witnesses near Kokomo saw them as elliptical lighted objects that streaked in from the north at treetop level, hovered for a few seconds and then darted away, single file, to the west.

The train crew on Monon southbound freight Number 91 saw the UFO's best of all. For them it was a night to remember.

As usual Number 91 was en route from Monon, in north central Indiana, to Indianapolis. A few about have touched edges so they must have been somewhere around 40 feet across the bottom."

In answer to a question Bridge said, "We had flashlights in the engine and in the caboose. Up on the head end of the train—in the engine where I was—we blinked our flashlights at the things and we waved the lights. We thought we might get them to come in closer. They did come down over the train a few minutes later, as Robinson told you, but, of course, I can't say they did it because we flashed the lights at them. At any rate they didn't flash any lights back at us."

Robinson said, "In the caboose we had a five cell sealed beam flashlight that throws a pretty good beam a long ways. When the things came down and flew right up the tracks behind the caboose, I grabbed that sealed beam flashlight and shined it on them. As soon as the light hit them they jumped sideways out of the beam. When they got back over the tracks I did it again and they scattered. They acted like they didn't care for that light at all.

"From the time Bridge first called us on the radio until the last time we saw them near Kirklin (about 38 miles northwest of Indianapolis) it was about an hour and 10 minutes altogether. They hung around the back end of the train but after we shined the light on them they didn't come in close any more. While we were switching at Frankfort they stayed away back up the tracks, just hovered there, until we moved on. Then they followed us again. When they finally went away at Kirklin they just zipped off to the northeast and kept on going and we didn't see them anymore."

It was an astounding experience the train crew of Monon Number 91 had undergone during that hectic hour and 10 minutes as the freight lumbered across the Hoosier prairie. And it was important, too, in the annals of such things, for its duration and because the objects gave evidence of intelligent control by dodging away from the flashlight beams.

The television interview with Cecil Bridge and Edward Robinson got on the newswires that same night.

On the following day they, along with the other members of the train crew, were notified by Monon officials to keep quiet if they saw any similar objects in the future. Bunker Hill Air Force base near Kokomo, about 30 miles east of the scene of this sighting, had asked the railroad to contact the base at once should such objects again appear. According to officials of the Monon at Lafayette, the Bunker Hill AF base has installed a special line to moments after three in the morning of October 3, 1958, the adventure began. . . .

In the cab of the diesel locomotive were three men—Harry Eckman, the engineer, Cecil Bridge, the fireman, and Morris Ott, the head brakeman. Cecil Bridge, a former Air Force man with 450 hours of heavy bomber time, tells the story:

"It was about 20 minutes after three in the morning—Friday morning, October 3rd. We had just pulled past a little spot called Wasco. There's no town there—just a kind of crossroads. It was there we first noticed the four lights in the sky ahead of us. They were moving lights. At first they looked like stars but we realized they weren't stars because they were moving—we could see that.

"They were moving in a sort of open V formation. By that I mean that there was no light at the forward point of the flight, just the two "wings" with two lights in each "wing"—angled off at about 45 degrees from each other. I must have spotted them first. After I had watched them for about 15 seconds I called them to the attention of the other men in the cab with me. The engineer was Harry Eckman, and our head brakeman was Morris Ott. They watched the lights, too.

"I am familiar with planes and with their operations, both as a flier and an observer. We all are—all of us on the train. We see planes every night, lots of them. These things were not planes!

"About that time the lights veered west. They crossed the tracks ahead of the train—about a half a mile ahead of us, we estimated. They were moving pretty slowly, too, at not more than about 50 miles an hour. Four big, white, soft lights.

"Just the three of us in the engine—Mr. Eckman, the engineer, Morris Ott and I saw the lights at this time. We were pulling 56 cars—that's a little more than half a mile of cars—and because of the angle at which these things were approaching and because they were so low right then, the boys in the caboose probably couldn't see them.

"After the lights crossed the tracks in front of us they stopped and came back. This time they were headed east. They shot off toward the east and were gone a few minutes—out of sight—but when they came back and we all saw them again I turned on the microphone. We have radio between the engine and the caboose. I turned on the microphone and called the boys in the caboose and told them what we were watching.

"The conductor was Ed Robinson and the flagman was Paul Sosbey, both of Indianapolis. I talked to Robinson and told him what we had seen. During the time we watched these things, from Wasco to Kirklin, we did a lot of talking on that radio. The dispatcher in Lafayette could hear us, of course, but he never cut in. The boys in the caboose got the best look at the things, especially when they came right down over the whole train."

(The train crew decided not to report their unusual experience to the Air Force in order to avoid being subjected to ridicule. But Bridge and Robinson felt that the incident deserved to be made known so they consented to be interviewed on Friday night, October 3, over an Indianapolis television station.)

During the course of that interview Conductor Robinson said:

"I was sitting in the cupola, looking forward over the train when Bridge called me on the radio. I had already noticed the four gobs of light but I couldn't make out what they were. They were half a mile ahead of the caboose—the whole length of the train. A little bit after he called me the things went away and we didn't see them for a few minutes . . . then all of a sudden they came back.

"This time they came down over the train, a little way in back of the engine. They were coming toward the caboose. That is, they were going north and the train was headed directly south.

"I'd say they were only a couple of hundred feet above the train as they came toward the caboose. And they weren't moving very fast—maybe 30 or 40 miles an hour. It was hard to tell—a fellow just doesn't notice details like that under the circumstances.

"The freight train is pretty noisy, of course, but I didn't hear any other noise, like the roar an airplane would have made. I think they were silent, or nearly silent, at least.

"They flew over us one after the other—big, round white things that looked about the color of fluorescent lights, kind of fuzzy around the edges. They didn't glare and they didn't light up things as they went over. They just came back toward us, over the top of the cars, one after the other. Then they went on down the tracks maybe another half a mile and seemed to stop.

"Me and Sosbey went out on the back platform where we could see them better. But they were getting pretty far behind us. We could see their lights but I don't remember whether they were bunched up or not. They were just there, we know that. We could see them behind us, right over the tracks.

"Then they swung off away from the tracks and went fast—very fast—to the east. When they picked up speed their light got a lot brighter.

They got real bright and white—like stars, but a lot bigger and moving very fast."

Cecil Bridge, observing the same objects from the engine describes what he and the engineer and head brakeman saw:

"When these things shot back over to the east of us they lit up much brighter than they were before. They turned in line, going north or northeast and we noticed that they lit up in sequence—the front one first, then number two, three and four. They changed course and came back past the train. They were going in the opposite direction to us when they made this pass. I guess they were at least a mile or two east of us when they did it.

"They lit up twice like I told you; first number one would light up, then number two and so on. They did that twice as they went past us travelling in the opposite direction. We noticed, too, that their color changed. When the first lit up they were bright white but when they slowed down the color changed to a kind of yellow, then to orange when they went real slow—a kind of dirty orange."

Robinson agreed with this description. He added:

"We didn't see them from the back end of the train for several minutes after they went away to the east and turned. But the boys in the engine were still seeing them. I got back on the radio with Bridge and he was watching them right then. They must have circled the train and gone north of us, real low, because the next time we saw them they came rushing up the tracks right in back of us. They were coming a lot faster this time—a lot faster than they had come back over the train the first time.

"They were just above the treetops along the right of way, and they had changed their way of flying—their formation. This time they were sort of flying on edge. Two of them were on edge—the two in the middle. The two on the outside were tilted at an angle both in the same direction. The four of them flew like that up the tracks behind the train—a tilted one on the east, two of them straight up and down, then the one on the west tilted just like the one on the east.

"When they first came back over the train we could see that they were round things—circular shaped on the bottom. Then when they flew up the tracks in back of us we could see—me and Sosbey—that they were about 40 feet in diameter and maybe 10 feet thick. The two that were flying straight up and down were just about over the edges of the right of way and about 200 yards in back of the caboose. If they had been flying flat down instead of edgewise they would just

Case 1958

early morn
3 OCT 58

6 April 1959

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 16 March 1959 concerning unidentified flying objects, particularly an Indiana sighting of 3 October 1958.

The United States Air Force has no record of this sighting.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. Herbert S. Taylor
1587 Union Street
Brooklyn 13, New York

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

ATIC NO. - - -

AF NO. - - -

REPORT NO. - - -

DATE OF REPORT - - -

TIME OF SIGHTING 1535

SHAPE - - -

SIZE - - -

COURSE - - -

NO. IN GROUP 1

SOUND - - -

PHOTOS - - - SKETCHES - - -

DATE OF INFO 14 June 1949

LOCATION White Sands, N.M.

SOURCE US Officers & EM

DATE IN TO ATIC - - -

COLOR - - -

SPEED 3-4 m/sec Estimated ___ Measured ___

ALTITUDE 35-40 miles Estimated ___ Measured ___

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - - -

TYPE OF OBSERVATION Theodolite

MANEUVERS - - -

Information Only

Temporary ATIC Form 329
(2 Jan 52)

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UNCLASSIFIED

17 Nov 49

The following was taken from MAD 47955, AF 105907:

31 Aug 49

From: District Intelligence Officer
Eleventh Naval District.
To: Director of Naval Intelligence.

Subject: Flying Objects - Unidentified.

Reference: (a) ONI Evaluation Slip (opNav-32-NNI-139) #N-15047 dtd 6 July 1949, same subj.

Enclosure: (A) Clipping from Los Angeles Times 30 August 1949 "U. S. Officers Report Seeing Flying Disks".

1. In view of reference (a) comment that "Any additional info would be helpful", Enclosure (A) may be of interest.

T. J. SHULTZ.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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misc sighting

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Los Angeles Times

U. S. OFFICERS REPORT SEEING FLYING DISKS - By Marvin Miles

White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., Aug. 29 -

Flying saucers--or at least mysterious flying "objects"--have been sighted by service personnel at this vital center of America's upper air research.

I talked with three men, two senior officers and an enlisted technician, who reported seeing strange objects in the sky, one as recently as last Friday during preparation for a high-altitude missile flight.

In all fairness, it must be pointed out that other officers and engineers at White Sands scoff at the reports and put them down to imagination, weather balloons, dual images in high-powered optical equipment, or possibly distant planes reflecting sunlight.

Experienced Observers - Yet the men who gave these reports presumably are familiar with such possibilities and well acquainted with the appearance of balloons and planes and the quixotic results of staring at a fixed point in the sky for long moments.

One officer believes, sincerely, that the objects seen are space ships and declared that a ballistic formula applied to one observation through a photo theodolite showed the "ship" was 35 to 40 miles high--an "egg-shaped" craft of fantastic size and traveling at incredible speeds of three to four miles a second!

The observer in this case, he said, was tracking a balloon into the upper air when the object swept across the balloon's path and cavorted for some 10 seconds--taking turns up to 22 times the force of gravity--before it disappeared. It had no visible means of propulsion.

Technician's Report - The enlisted technician reported seeing an object at 3:35 p.m., last June 14, as he was tracking the course of a V-2 test rocket in a 20-power elevation telescope, an instrument that can follow a missile to altitudes of 100 miles or more.

"I don't know what it was, but I had never seen anything like it before," he told me. "It seemed to be metallic, but I couldn't tell its size, its speed or its altitude. It would be impossible unless you knew one of the three factors."

He added he had informed his superiors of the incident and was told the next morning he had seen a "disk".

Weather Balloon? - A check of one officer elicited the response: "It was probably a weather balloon," but he declared the enlisted technician is considered "a reliable [illegible]

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Enclosure (A) to
DIO-11ND Conf ltr
dtd 8-31-49 ser.02004/32

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Last Friday's object was seen by a senior officer shortly after 11 a.m. and reported to the unit commander. The observer was preparing for a missile firing and scanning the skies through binoculars.

"I don't know what it was, but it came out of the north in a shallow dive and turned west. No, I wouldn't guess at speed or size."

He hastened to explain he is a "skeptic".

Proof for Skeptic - "Isn't seeing such a thing the best proof for a skeptic", he was asked.

"I should say it was," he smiled. "But I just saw something and reported it."

In all, some five reports have been made in the last six months, one officer said, with only one last year.

On one occasion, he told me, three of four officers saw a flying object with the naked eye, and at another time two smaller objects were observed to "chase" a test rocket. These may have been dual images on the telescopes, he said, although they were seen from several widely separated stations.

These reports tend to take the "flying saucer" question out of the realm of housewives' stories and the tales of air transport pilots. Still they have actually proved nothing--merely added to the mystery.

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TO: ONI
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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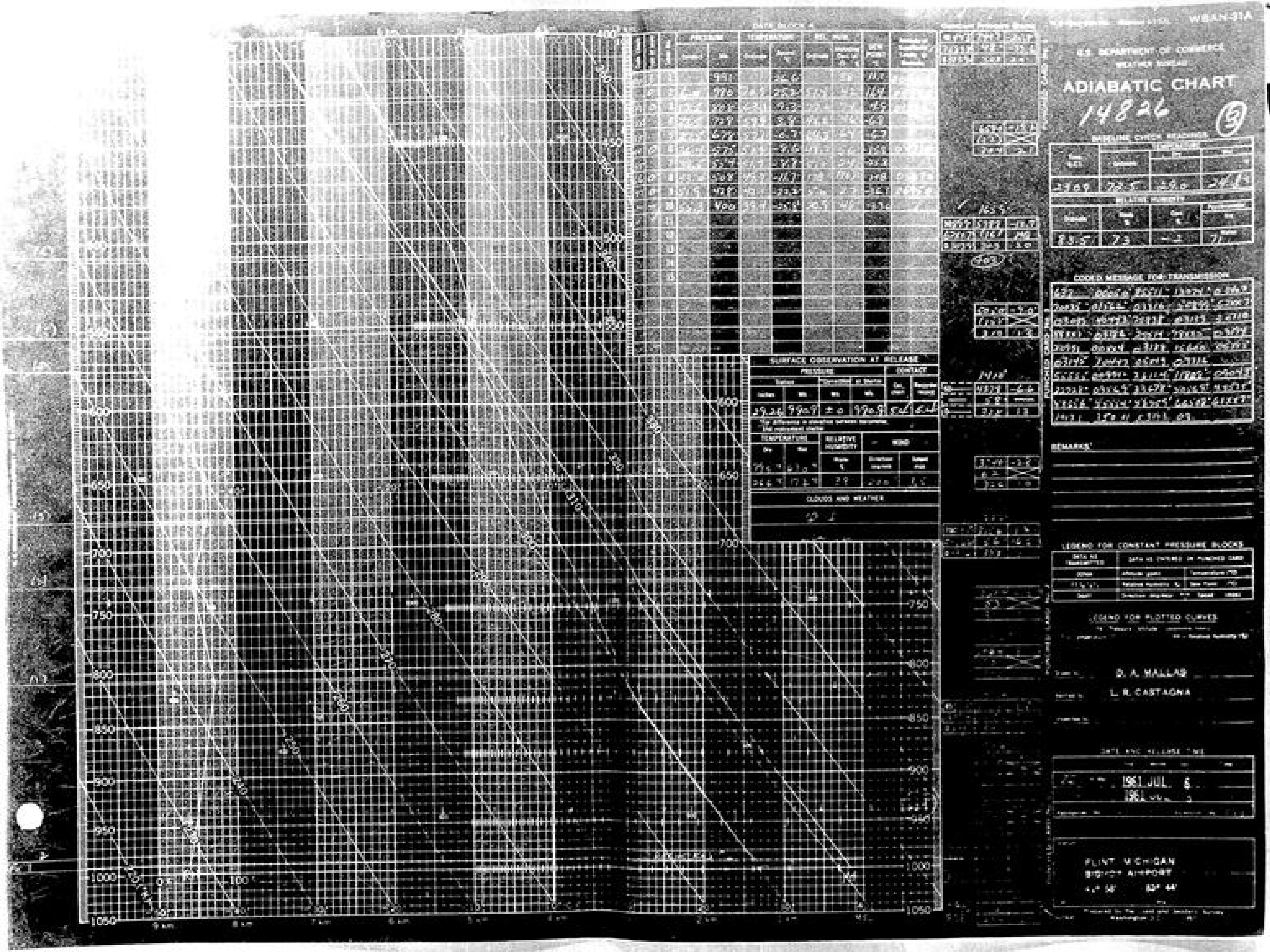
No Case (Information Only)

11 June 1954
Charleston W.Va - Atlanta

SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE SEEN UFOs

Dr. H. Percy Wilkins, a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a top moon authority.(deceased - 1961)
Incident: June 11, 1954 - Dr. Wilkins was a passenger on a plane flying between Charleston, W. VA. & Atlanta, GA. They were flying at 8,000' when he saw two brilliant, oval-shaped objects hovering over two lofty cloud masses. He described them as sharp-edged with the color of burnished gold, at a distance estimated at 2 miles. A third UFO was seen in the shade of the cloud, and its color was gray. The two UFOs started moving against the wind, the third following in a wide arc. All three vanished into the thick cloud. Duration: 2 minutes. - Dr. Wilkins.



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ADIABATIC CHART

14826 ③

BASELINE CHECK READINGS

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RELATIVE HUMIDITY

83.5	73	-2	71

CODED MESSAGE FOR TRANSMISSION

REMARKS:

LEGEND FOR CONSTANT PRESSURE BLOCKS

LEGEND FOR PLOTTED CURVES

D. A. MALLAS

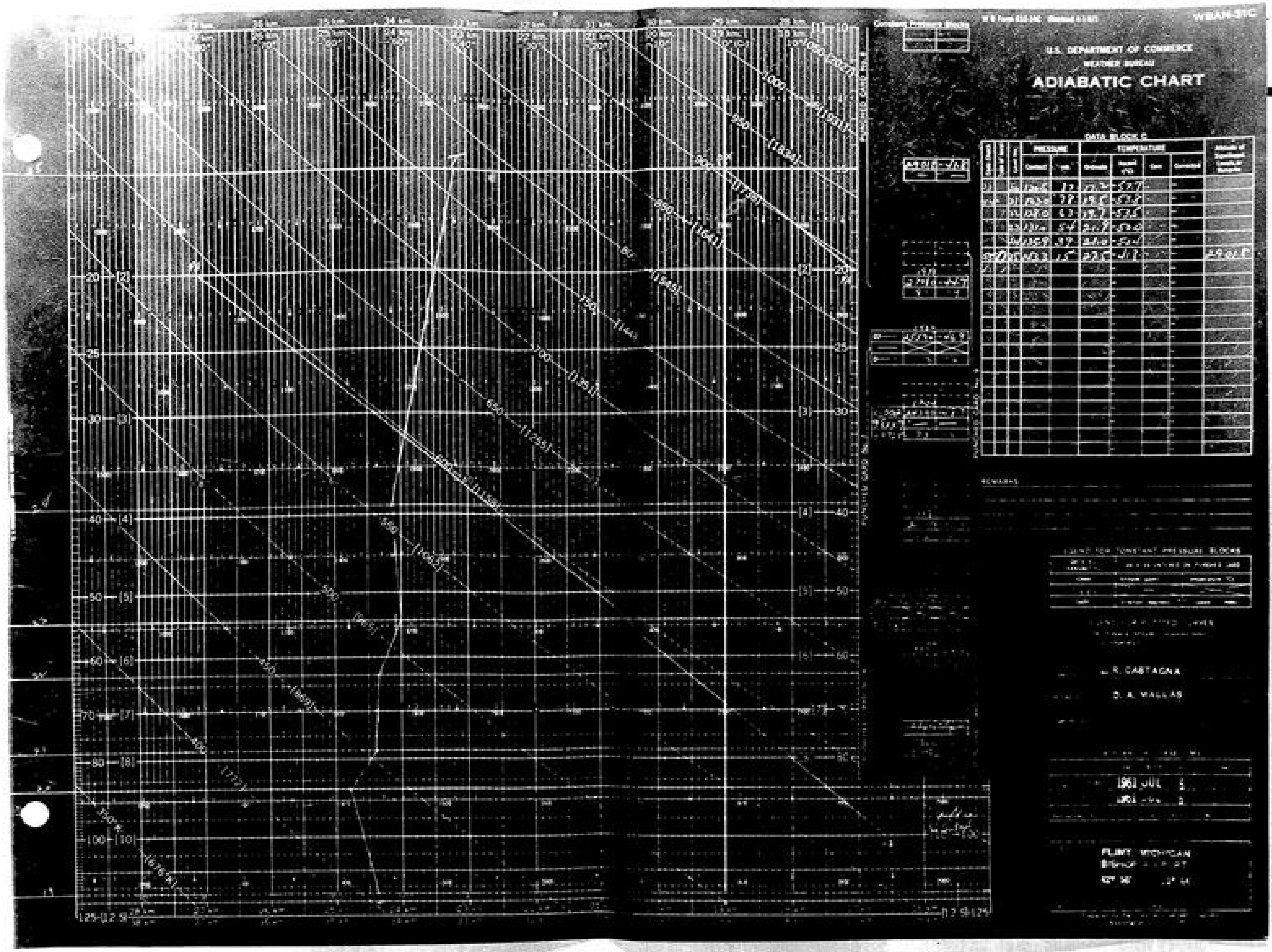
L. R. CASTAGNA

DATE AND RELEASE TIME

1961 JUL 6

1961

FLINT MICHIGAN
BISHOP AIRPORT
42° 58' 83° 44'



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ADIABATIC CHART

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PRESSURE

TEMPERATURE

REMARKS

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R. CASTAGNA

D. A. MALLAS

1961 JUL 5

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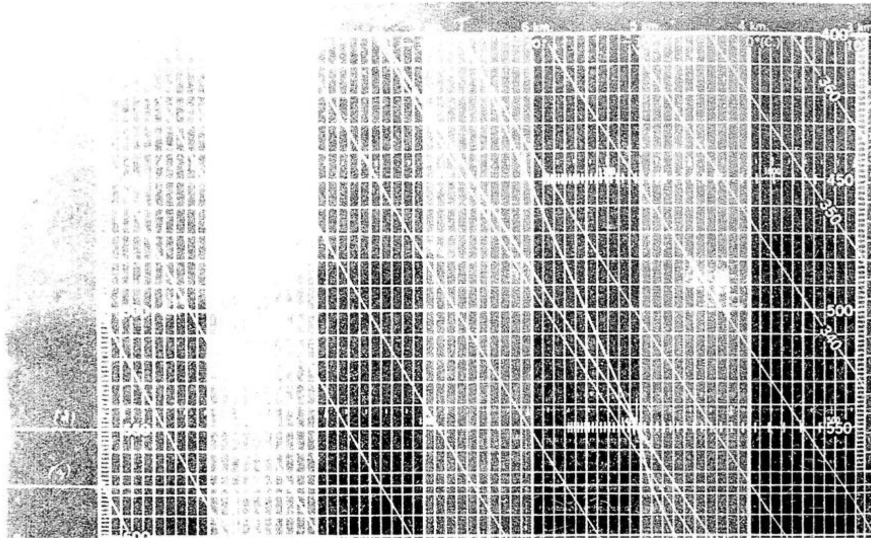
BISHOP AIRPORT
42° 58' [illegible]° 44'



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DATA BLOCK A

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SURFACE OBSERVATION AT RELEASE

PRESSURE					CONTACT	
Station		Correction	at Shelter		Cal. chart	Recorder record
Inches	Mb.	Mb.	Mb.			

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(18?)	
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1650

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65XX1	(76)	MB
03034	300	18

+03

5020	-10.2
(15)	
303	16

1404

50	4354	+6.9
	27	

BASELINE CHECK READINGS

Time G.C.T.	TEMPERATURE Ordinate	Dry	Wet
2303	71.7	26.9	25.0 °C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Ordinate	Rech %	Corr. %	Psychrometer Ice / Water
84.0	76	73	75

CODED MESSAGE FOR TRANSMISSION

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20973	03XX5	08005	15588	04XX0
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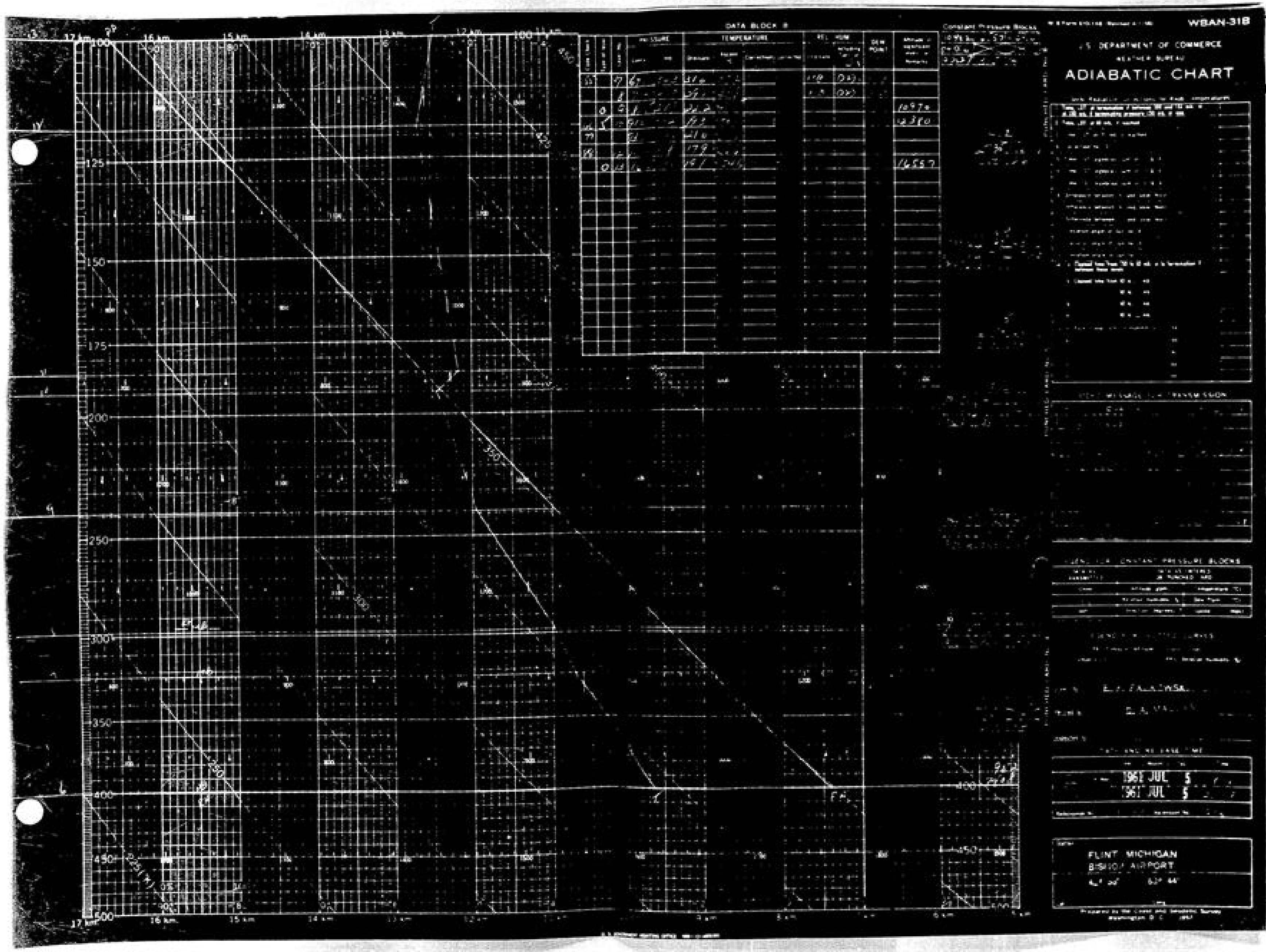

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FLINT MICHIGAN
BISHOP AIRPORT
42° 58' 83° 44'

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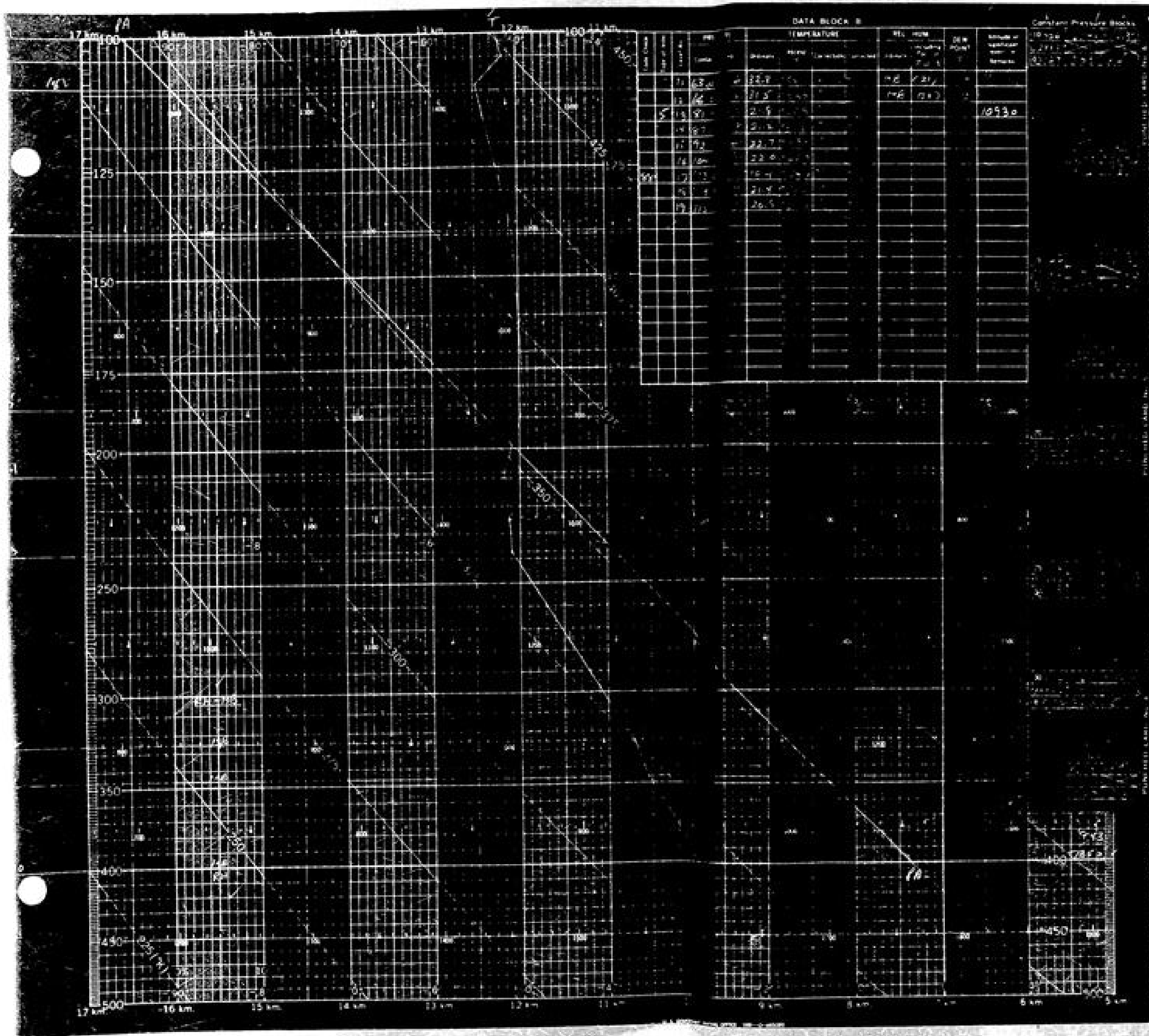

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14	87	2[illegible]		
15	93	22.7		
16	10[illegible]	22.0		
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18	[illegible]	21.9		
19	[illegible]	20.5		

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ADIABATIC CHART

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L. R. CASTAGNA

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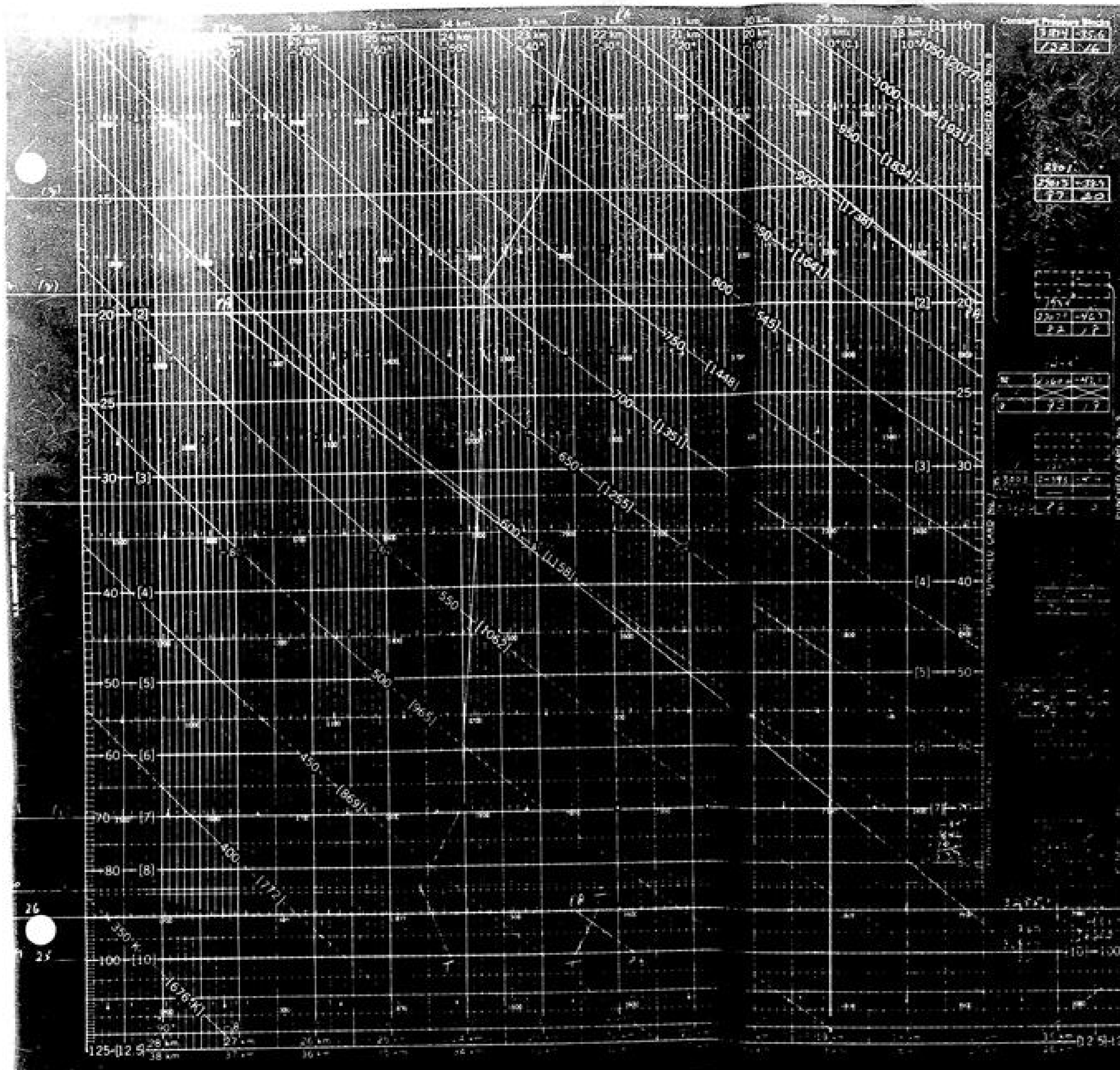

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21		21	24.6	20.0	21.9	-50.7			
		22	27.0	30	24.0	-47.5			
21	○	23	14.2	19.	24.7	-46.5			22793
33		24	22.9	16	26.3	-37.5			
44		25	19.9	20.	32.6	-36.6			
	○	26	14.0	9.	34.2	-16.7			32251

REMARKS

LEGEND FOR CONSTANT PRESSURE BLOCKS

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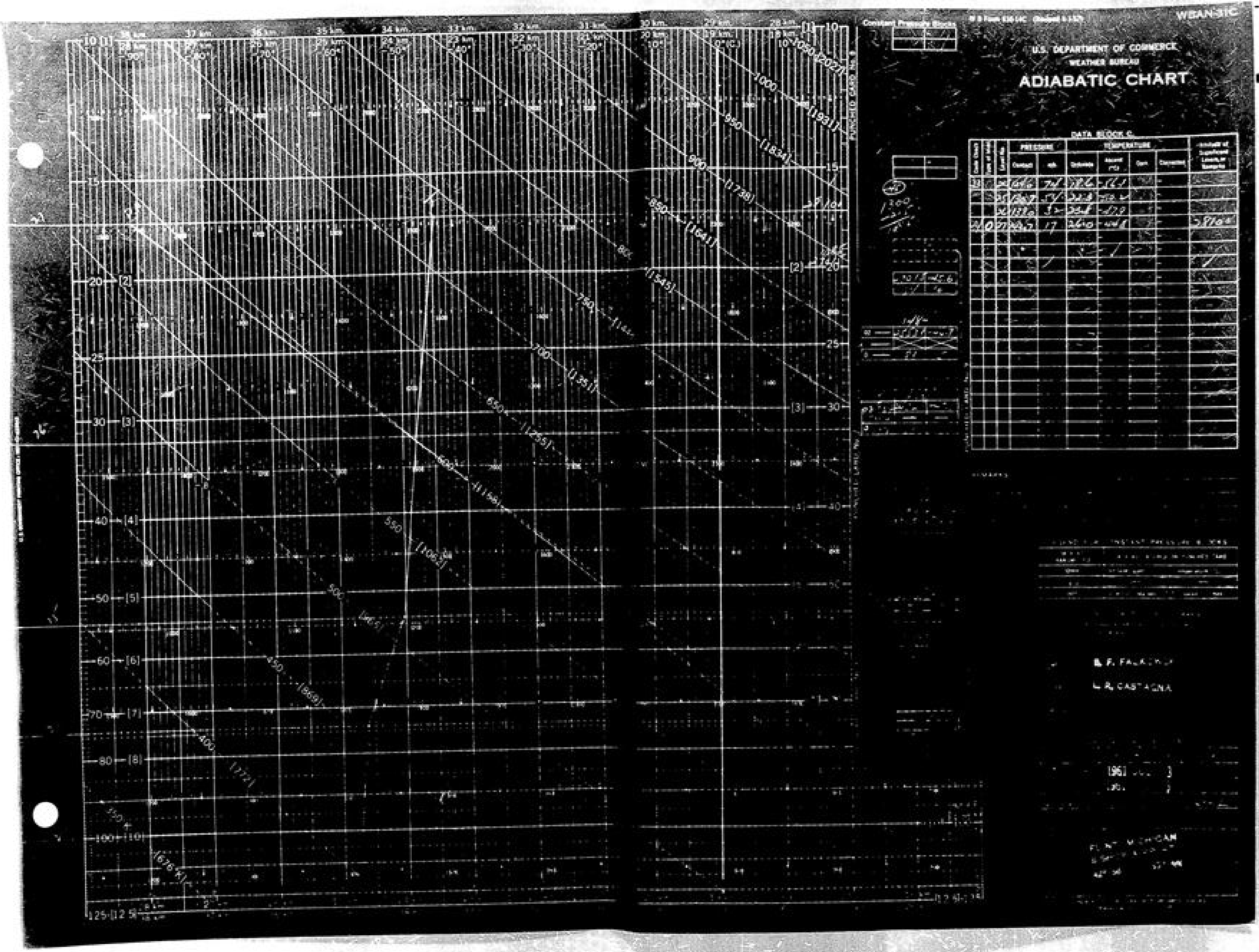
BISHOP AIRPORT
42° 58'   83° 44'



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WEATHER BUREAU

ADIABATIC CHART

Constant Pressure Blocks

DATA BLOCK C

PRESSURE

TEMPERATURE

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L. R. CASTAGNA

1961

FLINT MICHIGAN

4-5 July 1961

NORTHERN OHIO - 4 & 5 July 1961: At 10:15 p.m., on July Fourth, Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation, Inc., Akron, was flying between Akron and Cleveland with two passengers, when he saw a greenish object come from about one o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. It stopped, then went 330 degrees azimuth (NNW) and stopped again, before shooting straight up and disappearing.

The next night, about the same time, he again saw the greenish object. This time he said it came straight down, then went off to the north-northwest, not repeating the erratic movements of the night before.

Major Robert Friend, of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, said he believed that the pilot saw an "atmospheric refraction of the (first magnitude) star Capella." This theory seems unlikely.

The clipping we have (sent to us by a Cincinnati CUFOR member) doesn't say whether Stadvec was flying toward Cleveland or Akron, so we'll study it both ways. If he was going toward Cleveland, one o'clock would be just about due north. Therefor we have a star coming down from a high elevation in the north, stopping, then moving toward the north-northwest, stopping again, then disappearing upward.

If he was going toward Akron, one o'clock would be due south, producing similarly unlikely antics for a first magnitude star to perform.

POSTSCRIPT: Just as we were about to close out this issue, we received a good deal of data about the July Fourth sighting (page 3). Among the items of interest a 17-year old girl in Westlake, Ohio reported seeing a red-orange object at 10:10 pm; An object was picked up on radar at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower at about the same time as Stadvec saw the greenish object.

The most important item was a statement given to the UFO Research Committee (whi sent the data to us) by Mr. Stadvec in which he repudiated the Air Force theory that he saw a star.

"Why didn't this Air Force man (Maj. Friend) take the time to investigate furthe before making anystatement at all?" He continued, "His supposition that (we) saw a refraction of the star Capella was strictly a grabbing for 'straws' deal.

"Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions as well. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomena. The object we saw dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the object was going to ram us. Afte the object came at us it reversed course and climbed rapidly into a clear night sky."

Information from phone conversation with Mr JOHN GEIB of Cleveland-Hopkins Airport.

At about 1430 10, July,,1961 mr John Gieb, Supervisor of Operations at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport was contacted at CL 2-1774 concerning an object sighted by Mr Ernie Stadvek. Mr Gieb stated that Mr Stadvec did not report the sighting to the airport. He further stated that he received a call from a newspaperman who first established to whom he was talking. He was then asked if he knew Mr. Stadvec and Mr Gieb replied in the affermative. He stated that he knew Mr. Stadvec flew out of the airport. The newsman then asked if the tower had seen anything and Mr Gieb didn't know but offered to check. He called the tower and they reported that a light had flashed across the sky like a falling star. Mr Gieb passed this on to the newsman and was asked if anything had been picked up on Radar. He replied that he didn't know, adding that he doubted it. Mr Gieb flatly stated that he did not see anything, nor did he receive a report of anything. He further stated that he had talked to Mr Stadvec on the 7th or 8th of July and Mr Stadvec did not mention the sighting.

Weather Report from Pittsburg Weather Station AMhurst 4-0310

Lapse Rates 3 July 1900
Surface to 10,000 Normal
10,000 -1 deg C
10,500 +1 deg C
From 10,500 up Normal

4 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from +3 deg C to +4 deg C
Other altitudes Normal

5 July, 1961 Normal all altitudes.

6 July 1961
7,800 to 8,100 Warmed up from +3 deg C to +4 deg C.

7 July 1961
Isothermal from 9,600 to 9,700. Inversion present at 16,800 to 17,000

Weather report from Cleveland by Weather Bureau.

3 July 2000 EST. 4,000 scattered, high scattered 15 mi Vis MB 122, 6852 DP, winds WNW 13 Kts altimeter 2989. Towering Cumulus to North.
2100 EST. 4,000 scattered, 15 mi Vis MB 132, 6555 DP, Winds NW 12 Kts Altimiter 992

4 July 1961 2000EST. High scattered , 15 mi Vis MB 180, 6050DP, Winds ENE 5kts Altimeter 005
2100 EST. High csattered, 15 mi Vis, MB 183, 5950DP, Winds ENE 5 kts. Altimeter 006.

5 July 1961 2000EST. 4,000 scattered, high scattered, Vis 10 mi, MB 186, 6654DP, Winds N at 8 kts, altimeter setting 007
2100EST, 4,000 sc, high scattered, 8 mi Vis, MB 196, 6354DP, Winds N at6 Kts, Altimeter 009

Weather Information Continued from Cleveland.

6 July, 1961 2000EST 4,000 scattered high scattered, 12 mi Vis, MB 190, 6647DP, Winds WNW at 6 kts, alt 008.
2100EST. High scattered, 12 mi Vis, MB 193, 6647DP, Winds NE at 5 kts, Altimeter 009.

7 July, 1961 2000EST 4,000 scattered, high scattered, 10 mi Vis, MB 173, 6152DP, Winds NNE at 11 Kts, alt 003.
2100 EST 4,000 scattered, high scattered, 10 mi Vis, MB 176, 6052DP, Winds N at 11 Kts, Alt 3004

POPOWITCH

Additional Notes: Thursday night shortly after 10PM Mr George [redacted] and Mr Stadvec went up to look for the object at the advice of Major Friend. They were informed as to the time and location that the object would appear. They went up at 1020 PM and reported no sighting. Mr Popowitch was the passanger on the second flight that Mr Stadvec made. (Sighting on 5 July). Subsequent to the third flight (Thursday 10 July) no additional information was given to the press by these gentlemen. They reported that they had not observed the phenomena, however it seems logical that they would have made much ado had the Air Force been "wrong", especially in view of Mr. Popowitch concern with the UFO Program.

PROBABLY CAPELLA - -

ERNIE STADVEC REPUBLIC - 3-6241

PILOT - STADVEC AVIATION COMPANY

4 JULY. 1961. (MR STADVEC CHECKING FOR OBJECT ON 7 JULY 1961).

5000' ALT. N.W HEADING 335°

HAZE - 8000 10-12 MILES. VIZ.

1 O'CLOCK HIGH.

2215

APPEARED TO COME TOWARD. AT HIGH SPEED.

GREEN WITH WHITE AROUND EDGE.

AIRCRAFT SPEED 80 MPH

5 JULY. 1961 SAME EXPERIENCE.

4,500' 14 MILES S.E. CLEVELAND.

HAZE 7000 10-12 MILES VIZ.

CLEV - HOPKINS TOWER REPORTED AN OBJECT TO N.W.

OBJECT APPEARED TO COME TOWARD AT HIGH SPEEDS THEN RECEDED AND CLIMBED AWAY.

AIRCRAFT SPEED 100 MPH.

WITNESS INDICATED THAT HE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCE DURING WAR WITH FIREBALL.

WHEN CLOSING OBJECT APPEARED TO GROW LARGER.

OBJECT DISAPPEARED – LIKE A LIGHT GOING OUT. –

MOVING TOWARD HORIZON (DOWN) UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED –

SIZE. – LIKE A WING TIP LIGHT AT ONE MILE, BUT GREATER INTENSITY.

COLOR BECAME A PALE GREEN WITH DISTANCE.

DURATION – 4-5 SEC FIRST NIGHT
6 SEC SECOND NIGHT.

RICHARD SWAIN – STUDENT PILOT
CLYDE SKELTON – PRIVATE PILOT.

HARLOW BOWERS – STUDENT PILOT

101 Long Lake Blvd.
Akron 19, Ohio
October 6, 1961

7 JUL 61
OHIO

Dear Major Coleman:

I wrote you three months ago in regard to the sighting of 7 July over the Akron area by pilot Ernie Stadvec and others. I received your letter, dated 18 July, stateing that " This investigation...cannot be concluded until complete data is received- a period of at least three weeks from now."

Would you please send me the conclusion that ATIC has reached concerning this sighting.

Also, would you please send me the latest News Release, Fact Sheet, Air Force UFO Report. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Tom Keifer
Tom Keifer

Atmospheric refraction of a star -
probably Alpha Auriga (Capella) -
~~[illegible]~~

10 October 1961

Dear Mr. Keifer:

I have your letter of October 6th concerning the Akron sighting of July 7th.

The conclusion on this case was that Mr. Stadvec and others probably witnessed an atmospheric refraction of the star Alpha Auriga (Capella). About a month ago I was returning from St. Louis in a two seater jet at night, flying at 29,000 feet. In the rear seat I had a veteran pilot (jet) who has logged several thousand hours. The time of our flight coincided with the rise of Capella as we were passing over central Ohio. I asked this pilot to look at the object near the horizon (Capella) without telling him what it was, and to voice a description of it for the next few minutes. He was somewhat excited as we watched the various apparent changes in light and position (apparent perturbation) of the star. At about the time he was convinced it was a moving object (it appeared to come toward us -- would disappear and reappear) I told him what it was. On the ground later, we looked at the star, now much higher above the horizon. Alpha Auriga is often the culprit in astronomical sightings.

I hope this information is helpful. The latest fact sheet (Jan 61) is enclosed.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
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Akron 19, Ohio

July 10, 1961
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Friday, July 7, 1961 Akron Beacon Journal 25

Over City Two Nights

Akron Flier Sights Mystery Object

A veteran Akron flyer has reported spotting an unidentified flying object on successive nights over Akron this week.

Ernie Stadvec, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc. and a former World War II B-29 pilot, described "a brilliant green and white object" which he saw as he flew over Northwest Akron Tuesday and Wednesday nights. He said a flight Thursday night "to see if I could get another look at whatever it was" turned up nothing.

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HERE IS the way the sightings were described:

"Tuesday night, about 10:15, I was flying with two other Akron men at about 5,000 feet," said Stadvec. "At about one o'clock we spotted this brilliant green and white light suspended in the air off to our right.

"Suddenly whatever it was dived toward us and I thought it was going to hit us. But it stopped just as suddenly, made a 180-degree turn and climbed out of our vison into a haze layer."

Stadvec said he first thought it was a jet, but later decided it "couldn't have been."

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THE NEXT night, flying about 4,500 feet, Stadvec said, he saw the same greenish light while he was heading toward Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

"This time the object began climbing and sped off," he said. "The Cleveland Control Tower reported it also had seen the light, but could offer no explanation what it was."

Stadvec said he had seen the same sort of greenish light while flying over Japan during World War II.

Sunday, July 16, 1961

Ernie Is Sure He Saw 'Object'

By HELEN WATERHOUSE

Ernie Stadvec, operator of Stadvec Aviation, Inc., declared vehemently he wasn't just "seeing stars" as some are trying to make out. But he also wishes he had never spotted that unidentified flying object the other night.

"I've had hundreds of calls since and they've taken a lot of time," Stadvec reports. "But the worst is the men down at the Wright Patterson Air Force base, as usual, tried to make us look ridiculous for reporting such a phenomena. ?

"Maj. Robert Fried, head of the U. S. Unidentified Flying Object Project at the Dayton field who called us three times that day decided it was the reflection or 'refractor' from the star 'Capella.'

"But five people, including myself, saw this object and even the Cleveland radar tower reported it on its radar screen. We all know it didn't behave like any falling star. It first came right at us as we were flying around making a radio broadcast—and we saw it climb. Whoever heard of a falling star climbing?"

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1961

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Akron Flier Tells of Strange Bright Green Light in Air

Plain Dealer Bureau

AKRON, O.—Ernie Stadvec, owner of a small fleet of airplanes here, yesterday said he saw an unidentified flying object on Tuesday and Wednesnights while on flights in the Akron-Cleveland area.

The former World War II bomber pilot, operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc., said that while he and two other Akron men were flying over northwest Akron they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended on his right.

The light approached them, he said, and then broke off into a 180-degree turn into a haze layer.

Stadvic said he spotted a similar light Wednesday night while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The light began climbing and sped off, he said.

Object on Radar

An object that behaved like a falling star showed up at about the same time Wednesday on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb.

He said the object flared up on the screen and faded out in a matter of minutes.

The Unidentified Flying Object report unit, 6172 Wilson Mills Road, Richmond Heights, had an unconfirmed report of an orange-red object sighted over Westlake at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Fred H. Sylvanus of the UFO unit said the report was phoned in by a 17-year-old Westlake girl.

Stadvec said he was giving a flying weather report for Radio Station WAKR Tuesday night, flying at about 4,500 feet, when a green light appeared from the northwest.

"At first I thought it was some kids shooting off high-powered rockets," he said.

"Then I thought it might be a winglight on a jet.

"It came at us at a terrific speed, then veered off at a 180-degree angle and disappeared into a haze layer.

"I called the control tower at Hopkins.

"It was diving at a 1 o'clock position and I was afraid of a collision.

"I knew it wasn't a winglight because the way it was coming at us would have put it on the wrong side and it became too large for a winglight.

"It flattened out at about 10,000 feet.

"I would say it came within three-quarters or a half-mile of us.

Two With Him

With him were Charles Richard Swain, an Akron truck driver, and Clyde Skelton, an employe of WAKR.

Skelton said he saw the object and his first impression was that it was fireworks.

"It appeared to get relatively close but because we couldn't see what its total size was, you can't tell," Skelton said. "Its rate of closure was extremely fast.

"It was a very brilliant green. I have no idea at all what it might have been.

"If it was a high-speed jet, it must have been extremely close. But if it was farther away, no jet I know of could have moved that fast."

A-8 Youngstown Vindicator
Sunday, July 9, 1961

Air Force Probes 'Saucer' Reports From Near Akron

(Vindicator State Wire)

Dayton, July 8 — The Air Force is checking out to sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) made by Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of Stadvec Aviation Inc. at Akron.

Stadvec reported he sighted the first UFO at 10:15 p.m. on July 4 while flying at about 4,000 feet between Cleveland and Akron. He made the second sighting the following night about the same time.

Maj. Robert Friend of the foreign technologies division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base here, said he believed what Stadvec saw was "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude.

Stadvec reported he spotted a greenish object that came down from about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. He said it then stopped and went 330 degrees azimuth to the northwest and stopped again before shooting straight upward and disappearing.

He said that the next night the same thing happened, only the greenish object did not perform erratically. He said it came straight down, stopped, went off to the northwest again.

Stadvec reported he had two passengers aboard, who also spotted the object.

SUNDAY JULY 9, 1961

THIS IS MY STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY MAJOR R. FRIEND OF THE UFO PROJECT AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD.

MY FIRST REACTION UPON HEARING THE STATEMENT MADE BY A MAN WITH A RATHER SKETCHY KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT ACTUALLY HAPENED WAS, " WHO ARE THEY TRYING TO KID?" WHY DIDN'T THIS AIR FORCE MAN TAKE THE TIME TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENT AT ALL?

HIS SUPPOSITION THAT MYSELF AND TWO OTHER PILOTS ON THE FIRST NITE AND ONE OTHER ON THE SECOND NIGHT SAW A REFRACTION OF THE STAR CAPPELLA WAS STRICTLY A GRABBING FOR " STRAWS " DEAL.

I HAVE BEEN FLYING SINCE 1942 BOTH DAY AND NIGHT AND CURRENTLY OWN AND OPERATE A FLYING BUSINESS THAT REQUIRES USTO FLY DAY OR NIGHT IN ALL TYPES OF WEATHER.

OVER THE YEARS I HAVE SEEN MANY FALLING STARS AND OTHER PHENOMENA ASSOCIATED WITH ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AS WELL. WHAT WE SAW WAS NOT AN ASTRONOMICAL OR METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA. THE OBJECT WE SAW DIVED AT US ON A COLLISION COURSE TO THE EXTENT THAT I ACTUALLY CALLED OUT TO MY PASSENGERS THAT THE OBJECT WAS GOING TO RAM US. AFTER THE OBJECT CAME AT US IT REVERSED COURSE AND CLIMBED RAPIDLY INTO A CLEAR NIGHT SKY. THIS HAPPENED AGAIN THE NEXT NIGHT WHEN THE OBJECT FLASHED UP FROM IN FRONT OF US AND AGAIN CLIMBED INTO A CLEAR SKY. IN BOTH INSTANCES; THE OBJECT CLIMBED AT TREMENDOUS SPEEDS, LEVELLED OFF AND DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTHWEST

I WILL END MY STATEMENT TO WIT--THAT I NAVE NEVER SEEN A STAR CLIMB AND MANUEVER AND I DOUBT THAT ANYONE ELSE HAS EITHER. THE OBJECT WE SAW WAS NO STAR NOR WAS IT A REFRACTION.

6 SECONDS

OBSERVATION DURATION 4-5 SECONDS

TWO CLOSE SIGHTINGS BY OHIO PILOT: On July 4th ~~and~~ again on July 5th, the owner of a small fleet of airplanes in ~~Akron, Ohio,~~ saw a UFO while ~~on~~ flights in the Akron-Cleveland area. Ernie Stadvec, who is a former World War II bomber pilot, said that he was flying with two other Akron men over the northwest section of ~~that city~~, when they spotted a ~~brilliant green and white~~ light suspended at the right of the plane. The object came toward his plane on a collision course, ~~and then~~ stopped, made a violent turn to the northwest, stopped again, and finally shot upward and disappeared. The next night Stadvec saw a similar object which began climbing and sped off.

1 o'clock
ANGLE
500 AWAY

An object ~~that behaved~~ like a falling star showed up ~~at about the~~ same time on July 5th on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operation~~s~~ Supervisor John M. Gieb. He said that the UFO flared up on the screen and faded out in a matter of seconds.

No!!
NOT ON RADAR
VISUAL SIGHTING

Stadvec stated that the object he saw on the night of the 4th came to within a half mile or so of his plane, and that it was moving much faster than a jet. Major Robert Friend, who is chief of the UFO investigation at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, said that he believes what Stadvec saw was "atmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude. However, in a statement to the U.F.O. Research Committee, a private saucer investigation group in Akron, Stadvec disagreed sharply with Major Friend's explanation of the sightings. Said Stadvec: "Friend's supposition that myself and two other pilots on the first night and one other on the second night saw a refraction of a star, was strictly a 'grabbing for straws' deal.....I have been flying since 1942.....and over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. The object (on the first night) dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the thing was going to ram us....I have never seen a star climb and maneuver and I doubt that anyone else has either...."

July 4, Amherst, O. Confirmation of greenish-glowing UFO which former AF bomber-pilot Ernest Stadvec reported diving at his plane.

EX-AF PILOT HITS UFO "EXPLANATION"

Former AF bomber pilot Ernest Stadvec, now owner of an Akron flying service, has denounced the Air Force's hurried attempt to explain away his recent encounter with a UFO.

On the night of July 4, 1961, Stadvec was flying with two other pilots near Akron when a brilliantly glowing object dived at their plane.

"I thought it was going to ram us," Stadvec reported later. He said that the strange object stopped suddenly and climbed away at tremendous speed.

On the following night, Stadvec sighted a similar flying device while approaching Cleveland Hopkins Airport. When he called the airport tower he was told that they too were watching the unknown object, which was clearly visible because of its greenish glow. Tower operators had no explanation as to what it was.

Later, the airport Operations Supervisor, John N. Gleb, told the press that the object also had been tracked by airport radar operators. He said it flared up on the radarscopes, then disappeared in a few minutes -- at the same time that Stadvec reported the UFO was streaking up out of sight.

The first public reports of the UFO sightings and tracking did not appear until the evening of July 7. Without even calling Stadvec or Cleveland Airport to check the facts, the AF rushed out an answer, releasing it through Major Robert Friend, chief of the AF UFO Project Blue Book, at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Avoiding any mention of the airport radar and visual confirmation, and the UFO's close approach as described by the other pilots, Major Friend said Stadvec evidently had been misled by the star Capella. Atmospheric refraction, he stated, probably caused the star's unusual appearance. The Project chief admitted he had no weather data to back up this explanation. Despite this, the Capella answer was immediately released by the AF for national publication.

Stadvec, a B-29 bomber pilot in World War II, bluntly labeled the AF answer as "grabbing for straws." He added:

"I have been flying since 1942, and I operate a flying business that requires us to fly day and night in all types of weather. Over the years I have seen many falling stars and other atmospheric phenomena. The object we saw was no star or refraction."

The other pilots fully agreed with Stadvec. They confirmed that the UFO had dived at the plane while it was in level flight at 4,000 feet, that it had abruptly reversed course and climbed away at terrific speed. Summing up the facts in a statement relayed to several Congressmen and the UFO Subcommittee, Stadvec sharply criticized the answer given the press by the Project Blue Book chief.

"Why didn't he take the time to investigate before making any statement at all?" Stadvec demanded.

NICAP note: Major Friend was obeying orders. It is now official AF policy to rush out an explanation for any UFO sighting which is reported by the press. The obvious purpose is to kill off press and public interest regardless of the facts and without checking reports -- even those by highly-trained, competent observers. More than once, in these hasty releases, the AF has avoided mention of confirmation by radar or by groups of skilled observers. Instead, it has given the impression that the UFO report was a simple mistake by a lone witness, as in the Stadvec case.

The Stadvec statement was secured by the Akron UFO Research Committee, which is working closely with NICAP. We are grateful for the Committee's cooperation.

THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

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No school system is making regular full use of this programmed instruction. But experiments are mushrooming. Here in Dayton, Miami-Jacobs Junior College of Business offers six machine courses. The University of Dayton uses an Air Force-owned teaching machine in its psychological research.

EDUCATORS AGREE that teaching machines cannot truly educate in the sense of stimulating creativity and of teaching values and attitudes. Experiments have shown, however, that the machines can be effective in allowing the student to progress rapidly through a subject.

The devices require active participation on the part of the learner and provide prompt reinforcement of learning, another advantage claimed by proponents.

In one experiment, students whizzed through a year's plane geometry course in three months.

In another math course that usually took two months by conventional methods, students learned the subject in from six to 14 hours, working one hour each day.

A spelling course that normally took 34 weeks, took only 22 weeks when given to second and sixth graders on a teaching machine.

9 JULY 1961 THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

PROBABLY STARLIGHT

Greenish Object Reported In Akron, Checked by AF

Remember flying saucers? Well, the Foreign Technologies division of the Air Technical Intelligence center here is checking out two sightings of unidentified flying objects made last week by an Akron man.

Investigating officers think that what Ernie Stadvec, owner-operator of a flying service, saw was the refraction of a star. But they won't be sure until they get detailed weather data from Akron—probably by Wednesday.

STADVEC said he sighted the first UFO at 10:15 p.m. on July 4 while flying at about 4,000 feet between Cleveland and Akron. He made the second sighting the next night about the same time.

Maj. Robert Friend, of the Technologies division at Wright-Patterson Air Force base, said he thinks Stadvec saw the atmospheric refraction of the first magnitude star Capella.

"EVERYTHING in his report points to this," Friend said. "The direction, the hour and everything else."

Friend added that the description fits other reports of atmospheric refraction made in the past.

STADVEC said both times he spotted a greenish object that came down from about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with his plane. He added that it stopped, moved to the northwest and stopped again before shooting straight upward and disappearing.

Stadvec, a World War II pilot, said he could not identify the object.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
4 Jul 61

2. LOCATION
Cleveland, Ohio

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1015 PM 2215
GMT 050315Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
Varied

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish objt that came down fm about 1 o'clock high on a collision course with plane. It stopped, moved to NW and stopped agin before shooting straight upward and disappearing.

11. COMMENTS Direction, time, etc., point toward identification of objt as Capella, a first magnitude star.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical CAPELLA
☒ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other__________
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

COLATRUGLIO, Kenneth A.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
18 Apr 62

2. LOCATION
Nellis AFB, Nevada

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local ____________
GMT 19/0335Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
32 Min.

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE
NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Radar sighting. Blip. Speed of object varied. Initial observation at 060 no elevation. Disappearance at 105° az 10,000' altitude. Heading tentively NE, however disappeared instantly to S. Observed by search and height radars. No visual.

11. COMMENTS
There is insufficient data in the report to form a valid conclusion. Speed, changes in course, and altitude not included. Appearance on both search and height finder confirms that some object was there. Track characteristics indicate possible balloon as the source.

12. CONCL[illegible]S
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other____________
- ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

AF IN : 58034 (19 Apr 62) N/sc page 1 of 2

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UNCLAS 8650AC0320. UFO. AFR 200-2 FORMAT

A. (1) RADAR BLIP

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) ONE

(5) UNKNOWN

(6) SPEED VARIED NOTICEABLY

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) REPORT FROM NELLIS AFB WEATHER STATION

(2) AZIMUTH 060 DEGREES NO ELEVATION

(3) AZIMUTH 105 DEGREES, ALTITUDE 10,800 FEET.

(4) NE HEADING APPROX 050 DEGREES

(5) INSTANTLY TO THE SOUTH

(6) THRITY-TWO MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND ELECTRONIC, AN/FPS20 SEARTH, AN/FPS 26 HEIGHT

(2) NONE

(3) NO

D. (1) 0335Z, 19 APR 62

(2) NIGHT

E. 36 19'07''N 115 34'30''W

F. (1) NONE

(2) KENNETH A. COLATRUGLIO, A2C 865 RADAR SQ, OPERATIONS. RELIABLE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. UNKNOWN

K. DWIGHT S. RANNEY, CAPTAIN, USAF C& E OFFICER, 865 RADAR SQ.

BLIP SIGHTING WAS IN APPROX AREA OF WEATHER STATION REPORT. NO OTHER AIRCRAFT OR BLIPS IN GENERAL VICINITY.

L. NEGATIVE. SCOPE CAMERA NOT OPERATINGIOBTIME OF SIGHTING.

BT

TEL: 635-8911
EXT: 2257

HEADQUARTERS
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ADCIO-P

SUBJECT: Request for Information

7 - SEP 1962

TO: Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI-3C)
Wash 25 DC

In accordance with paragraph 8, AFR 200-2, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects, the attached correspondence is forwarded for your action.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Kathleen M Berry
KATHLEEN M. BERRY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Executive Officer
Directorate of Information

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Ltr from Louis Trifon, dtd
31 Aug 62

Evaluated -
Insufficient ~~[illegible]~~ Data
Tract characteristics - (U-2 or High balloon)

19 APR 0335 Z Capt Dwight
Reporting Ramming
865 radar Sqdn.

11 Glenwood Rd.
Plainview, L.I., N.Y.
August 31, 1962

Office of Public Information
Air Defense Command
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir(s);

This letter is in reference to the sighting of a brilliant object (UFO?) at or near the Nevada testing site on April 18, 1962.

Your spokesman, Lt. Col. Herbert Rolph, said that jets had been scrambled to intercept the object.

The official spokesman at Nellis AFB, in reply to the meteor explanation, said: "There's only one thing wrong with that — a meteor cannot be tracked on radar and this thing was."

I would like the *official* AF answer as to whether the object was a UFO. Furthermore, I would like a confirmation as to whether or not the object was destroyed with a nuclear weapon. Thanks in advance for your cooperation

Respectfully yours,
Louis Trifon

18 APR 1962

September 21, 1962

Dear Mr. Trifon:

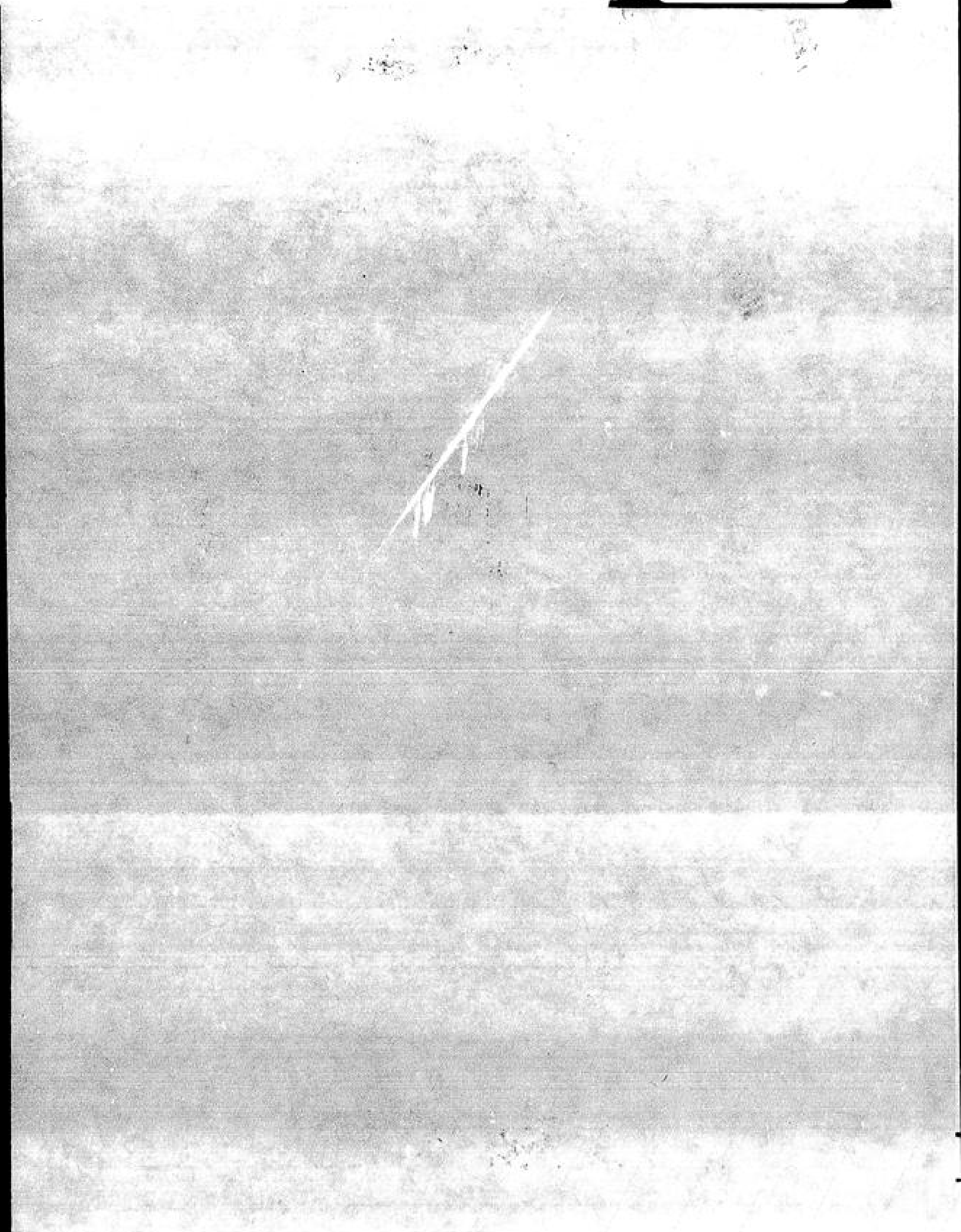
The official records of the Air Force list the 18 April 1962 Nevada sighting to which you refer as "unidentified, insufficient data." There is an additional note to the effect that "the reported track is characteristic of that registered by a U-2 or a high balloon but there is insufficient data reported to fully support such an evaluation." The phenomena reported was not intercepted or fired upon.

Sincerely,

C. R. HART
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. Louis Trifon
11 Glenwood Road
Plainview, New York

April 19, 1962 Utah



19 April 1962 Eureka, Utah
[illegible]

Flash, Boom Over Utah
Fireball Lights
Skies In Ten States

The huge "ball of fire" which flashed across the Western U. S. between 8:15 and 8:19 p.m. on 18 April 1962 was so brilliant that it triggered the photoelectric street lighting system in Eureka, Utah. The object was traveling from east to west. All street lights turned off in Eureka as the object passed over. Authorities thought the fireball crashed about 10 miles south of the small town. Residents saw a "blue flash" and heard a "rumbling" off in the distance immediately after the sighting.

Salt Lake City observers said the light of the "meteor" was as "bright as day." It was seen in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Kansas and Utah. An FAA spokesman at Salt Lake City said the object vanished over southwestern Utah about 35 miles northeast of Delta. He also said aircraft and ground observers in the area confirmed the report.

Although not definitely established, a green glow seen by a tower spokesman at Peterson Field (Colorado Springs, Colo.) west of Pike's Peak, may have been connected with the sighting. The light was obstructed by the mountain.

Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who [illegible] the object. [illegible] Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodium blue-white light brighter than day" and then continued on, looking like a vapor trail from a jet. He estimated it was 8 to 10 seconds before the sound became audible, sounding like cannons firing in the distance.

Most observers in Nevada declared the object was traveling west to east.

The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.

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A front page headline story from Las Vegas, dated April 19, tells of a "tremendous flaming sword" which flashed across Nevada skies. The same mysterious object, traveling on a horizontal course, was also seen in several other western states, and it was tracked on radar. According to a UPI report, the Air Force stated that the object landed near Eureka, Utah. A spokesman for the 28th Air Division at Stead Air Force Base in Reno admitted that the power in Eureka was knocked out by the impact. Earlier, jet fighters at Nellis Air Force Base had been scrambled as a result of the radar sightings..

On April 18,1962 the Air Force Defense Command was puzzled by an aerial object that exploded and seemed to be a meteor, but had the unique distinction of being tracked by radar 70 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as chased by jets, before it exploded in Nevada in a blinding flash. An Air Force Defense Command alert reported the object was tracked and traced over New York,Kansas, Utah, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona and California, so that it's light covered almost as much area as that created by the big hydrogen space bomb test held later in the Pacific hundreds of miles high.

UFO SIGHTING, LYNNDYL, UTAH
19 April 1962

This is a recording concerning an unidentified flying object, taped on 19 April 1962 at 0800 hours at Lynndyl, Utah.

For the purpose of the recording, would you give your full name and address, Sir.
My name is Roy Nielson, Lynndyl, Utah.
And could I have your age and occupation, Sir.
I am a merchant here in Lynndyl, I run a grocery store and I have a service station and garage in connection with it. My age is sixty, 3rd of December, last.

With regard to the shape of the object you saw last evening, would you describe the shape, Sir.
The object, the way I see it, looked more of a boat (?) form, maybe a little wider than round; but it seemed to all be on fire.
Did it have any definite shape?
I thought at first it was maybe sort of like a basketball, about that size but I believe that it was smaller than that.

Then, with regard to the size, you would compare it to about the size of a basketball or smaller?
Or smaller.
How much smaller, the size of a baseball, or what?
Well, I believe it was a little larger than that, but due to the flame and that, I couldn't tell.

What was the color of the object?
It was a white heat; I believe a little blue in the white. It looked like to me, I have seen burning metal, and that is what it looked like, more or less, burning metal. But it was so hot that it was just white heat.

And there was only the one object?
Just the one object.

Were there any discernible features?
Not that I could see.

Was there any tail or trail or vapor trail behind it such as you see on aircraft of this kind?
There was a long trail of flame and heat. I imagine that would be about 500 feet and approximately that or a little longer. It could have been longer than that. And after that went out, it seemed to burn out; or it was going so fast that the object that was causing the heat passed through and left the flame. Then it went out and it was a smoke trail.

What first called your attention to the object?
I was tending the water on the garden. I had a flashlight on and instead of needing the flashlight, it became daylight. It became just as light as day from the object coming through the air.

This lighted up the whole surrounding area?
It did, the whole valley.

When you observed the object, at what angle in the sky was it coming?
It was traveling northwest from where I was standing. I was standing west of it.
When you first observed the object, was it directly overhead?
No, it was a little to the south, coming from the south. It was right in the moon. The moon was bright last night.

When it was approaching from the south, at what angle were you looking at it?
Oh, I imagine it was just about a 45 degree angle, just about a square deal to it.
And as you watched this, it passed directly overhead?
It wasn't overhead. It was a little east of me and it passed going north, to the north from me. It was, I would say, 2-300 feet east of me when it went by.

Now, how high do you estimate the object was above you at this time?
From 3-500 feet.

Now, at the time of the disappearance, what would you judge the height of the elevation at that time?
I think it was around about 2-300 feet. I run east to get cleared of the house to see it and it had gone on into the north and had burnt out. It burnt out. By the time that I got out there it had burnt out.

You mentioned that it went into the Northwest. Would this be NNW, in other words, more north than west?
Yes,--yes.

How did the object disappear? Did it fade out gradually or did it disappear all at once?
It disappeared all at once. It was light and then it was dark. It just seemed to burn out.

And do you have any idea what time this was?
Quarter after eight, maybe twenty minutes after eight.

And at night time, what were the weather conditions? Was the sky clear?
The sky was clear and the stars shined and the moon was out.
Were there any clouds?
Very few, only a very light accumulus of clouds, very light, though.

And the location where you were in the yard, would you call this the center of town?
The north end of town.

I think that will be all the information we require for the report.

UFO SIGHTING LA VAN, UTAH
18 April 1962
18/0319Z

This investigation in accordance with AFR 200-2 taped at the Security and Law Enforcement Office, Hill AFB, Utah at 2320 hours on 19 April 1962 by Douglas M. Crouts, Chief Criminal Investigation Section, Security and Law Enforcement Division.

Captain Shields, for the purpose of this recording, would you give your name, rank, serial number and organization.

My name is Herman Gordon Shields, AL 2210541. I am a pilot with the 733 Troop Carrier Squadron, stationed here at Hill AFB.

With regard to this object, would you describe the shape of this object.

Do you mean after we saw the light, the object itself after the light...?

Describe the incident as far as the light and then the object.

I was flying a C-119 aircraft from the left seat. We were approximately two miles west of La Van, Utah flying at 8500 feet MSL. Our true air speed was a little less than 170 knots. We were making a right turn from a heading of about 068 degrees to 165 degrees. We were approximately 25 degrees at bank on the aircraft and we had turned for about 30 degrees to a heading of about 098 or 100 degrees, somewhere in there, when it began to get very bright in the cockpit. The illumination was from above. It built up slowly. My first impression while the intensity was low was that it was the landing lights of another aircraft. Of course, when the intensity increased this was ruled out automatically. The cockpit was illuminated from above. In the C-119 aircraft there is an instrument panel in the middle of the cockpit up above on the ceiling of the cockpit. The light source was coming from this area that was blanked out, in other words, straight behind this instrument panel because neither Lt Larson who was in the right seat nor I saw the source of the illumination. We continued in the turn. The light intensity increased until we could see objects as bright as day for a radius of five to ten miles from the aircraft. This would probably be a diameter of about twenty miles or so. Objects on the ground, on the hills around us, were clearly distinguishable. Colors were distinguishable. It was as bright as daylight. The intensity of the light diminished faster than it had increased. After the light had decreased in intensity we were still looking for the light source, and I noticed an object to my left between the wing and the lower part of the fuselage of the aircraft against the hills. By this time the light had decreased so that the hills were dark. It was night again. And this object which I saw was illuminated. It had a long slender appearance comparable to a cigarette in size--that is, the diameter with respect to the length of the object. The fore part, or the lower part of the object, was a very bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The second half, the aft section, was a clearly distinguishable yellowish color. I would say the object was just about devided in half, the fore part being intensly white, the aft section having a more yellow color to it.

There was only the one object?

One object was all I saw.

Were there any discernible features such as you find on manned aircraft--wing section, tail...?

Negative. I saw only a slender object. I don't know what the shape was. It was only a slender object.

Did there appear to be any tail, trail, or exhaust?

Negative. There was no exhaust, no trail following after it. It was clearly defined. I saw it for a period of maybe one to two seconds.

Was there any sound?

There was no sound to the best of our knowledge. The aircraft, of course, is noisy. We all had head sets on. But we heard no sound accompanying the glow.

Was there any shock wave?

We felt no shock wave. The air was smooth and calm and the aircraft remained such.

Were there any other pertinent or unusual features?

Not that I recall.

And the thing that first called you attention to the object itself was the intense light almost directly overhead?

That is affirmative.

Now, when you observed the object itself, could you give anything on the angle or elevation?

I can only give the elevation in terms of the aircraft attitude and that which I saw it. The object, when I first spotted it, was lower than the aircraft and it looked like it was at an angle approximately 10 to 20 degrees from the vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from the horizontal.

And what was the azimuth, the bearing, from the aircraft?

The bearing from the aircraft would be approximately 65 to 75 degrees from the nose of the aircraft. I believe the nose of the aircraft was then about 130 to 140 magnetic heading, somewhere in there.

And it was approximately the same angle, elevation, azimuth at the time it disappeared?

That is correct. At the time that it passed from my sight, eigher it disappeared or the aircraft got in the way of it. I don't know what happened to it.

Would you describe the flight path.

The flight path of the object was approximately, from the way our aircraft was turning--the light source was originally hidden from us and then when I saw it, it was off to the left of us. I would say the flight path of the object would be from the southwest to a northeast direction.

The object, then, disappeared on the same slant (?)?

That is correct.

And in what manner did it disappear--suddenly, fading out, or...?

I don't know. To me it was just all of a sudden not there. Now, I turned to check the aircraft as well as to watch it and I don't know what happened to it. Perhaps the rate of turn of the aircraft made it disappear from my sight. I don't know.

Were you in a position where you could watch the ground?

I could not watch the ground immediately under me because the aircraft was still in about a 25 degree bank. I could see the ground to the left of me. However, everything was black by then and I couldn't distinguish unless there were lights on the ground (?) by this time.

Then, there was no indication of an explosion or any more light when the object hit the ground?

No, I looked behind me and to the best of my knowledge, there was no such explosion or any indication that it did hit the ground, discernible to me.

You mentioned that at the time you saw this object that it must have been lower than the surrounding mountains.

Yes.

And that the object was between you and the mountains?

There was a moon and we could see the black shape of the mountains around us and the object was lower than the mountains to the E of our position.

From the time the illumination began until the time the object disappeared, could you estimate the time.

We estimated the time to be a minimum of 10 seconds. We did this because we had better than 90 degrees to turn and we had started to turn. We had turned approximately 30 degrees when it started to get light and during this time we turned a minimum of another 30 degrees. The aircraft was making close to a standard rate of turn, perhaps a little bit less or a little bit more, I don't know; but anyway, we turned about a minimum of 30 degrees during this time and at 3 degrees per second we estimate that it lasted about 10 seconds or longer.

With regard to the object itself, how long would that have been visible?

I saw the object for not more than two seconds, I think. This is very difficult to estimate the time, but I don't think that it was more than two seconds. It was moving rapidly, comparable to a shooting star.

Would you give the type and number of your aircraft?

We were flying a C-119 aircraft. Our tail numbers 538093 and our call sign for the night was "drunk 33." There were five persons aboard including myself.

And the altitude was 8500 feet?

That is affirmative.

And the heading prior to the turn and heading of the new course?

Approximately 068 degrees to a heading of 165 degrees.

And the speed was 170.

Yes.

And home station is Hill AFB?

That is affirmative.

In regard to the date of 18 April, the Zulu time would have been..?

0319 Zulu.

Local time...?

2019 hours

In regard to light conditions, it would have been night time?

It was night time. There is practically a full moon out tonight. There were no clouds directly above us.

Is it possible to estimate ceiling visibility at night?

There was no ceiling above us. Visibility was very good. We could see 30 or 40 miles without any trouble. There were no obstructions to visibility at our flight level.

Now, at the time of the sighting, would you, again, describe your location with regard to ground objects.

We were approximately two miles West of La Van, Utah. There is a road running from La Van, west. It makes a 90 degree left turn to a southerly heading. We were just short of that bend when we made our turn. We rolled out, probably, right over the highway when we finally got established on a heading of 165 degrees.

What is your age, Sir?

I will be 30 in July.

You are a regular in the Air Force?

Negative, I am a reservist.

How much regular and reservist time do you have?

I was commissioned in August 1954. I served three years on active duty and I have been flying with the reservists since 1958. I have about 2300 hours flying time.

And your civilian occupation?

I am an attorney at law.

You mentioned other crewmen. Would you give me their rank, name and also duty station.

Lt Larson was the navigator in the navigator's seat. Sgt Stenquist was the crew chief in the jump seat. Airman Jacobs was the student crew **chief** in the crew chief position. All are members of the 733 Troop Carrier Squadron stationed at Hill.

Did they all witness the object?

I was the only individual who saw the object itself. Of course everybody in the airdraft saw the intensity of the light.

I think that will be all for the purpose of the recording. Thank you very much.

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UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962) 2 August 1962

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1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 and unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In compliance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program,,to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigations came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

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to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

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EVALUATION B-2

PREPARED BY Douglas M. Crouch

SOURCE Sources below named.

SUMMARY At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over Nephi, Utah, visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and Kansas. One violent explosion and 20-30 sharp explosions followed illumination. AF pilot in area reported clearly defined white object falling toward ground after illumination. Resident of Lynndyl, Utah, stated a bright white object passed over him traveling north-west at 300-500 feet altitude, having bright white trail, turning to smoke trail after object passed. Observers at Jericho, Utah, (39 45N, 112 11W) stated object passed east of Jericho in north-west direction. Observer 3 miles south-west of Eureka, Utah (39 58N, 112 07W) reported object passed over in northwest direction, alternately emitting gasping sound, retarding forward movement, and surging ahead three or four times, before flame at tail of object turned from bright yellow to blue. Observer stated object arced over and estimated that object landed in Rush Valley in vicinity of McIntire Ranch (39 29N, 112 03W).

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over central Utah which was reported visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and as far East as Kansas. Observers reported a bright object generally described as a brilliant white ball fall toward the earth in that area.

2. At 0620Z on 19 April 1962 Captain Herman G. SHIELDS, AO 2210341, 733rd Troop Carrier Squadron, a reserve AF pilot and civilian Attorney at Law was interviewed at Hill AFB, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information and answers received to questions is prefaced by the paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

15a(1) Shape - A long cylinderical shape like a cigarette.

15a(2) Size - At the distance object appeared to be the size of a cigarette.

15a(3) Color - The forward or lower part of object was a bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The after half was a clearly distinguishable yellow color.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - None.

15a(8) Sound - None heard.

15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.

15b(1) What called attention to object - The bright intense light directly above his aircraft.

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15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - When object was first spotted it was lower than aircraft (8,500 feet), and between aircraft and mountains to east. Bearing from aircraft approximately 65 to 75 degrees from nose of aircraft which was on approximately 130 degree magnetic heading.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Same as 15b(2) above.

15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - Traveling toward the ground, 10 to 20 degrees from vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from horizontal. Flight path from south west to north-east.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Object disappeared suddenly before striking the ground (rate of turn of aircraft might have made it disappear from view).

15b(6) How long was object visible - Object itself was visible for not more than two seconds. Time from beginning of illumination to disappearance of object was a minimum of ten seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical Aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne sighting - C-119 aircraft # 53-8093, altitude 8,500 feet. Turning right from heading of 68 degrees to heading of 165 degrees. Heading approximately 130 degrees at time of sighting. Speed of 170 knots. Aircraft based at Hill Air Force Base.

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0319Z, 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - Above junction of US Highway 50-6 with Utah Highway 36. (39 52N, 112 22W) 3 miles southwest of Eureka, Utah.

15f Information on observer - Herman G. SHIELDS, Captain AFRes, 733rd Troop Carrier Sqdn., Hill AFB, Utah, Civilian occupation, Attorney at Law, Age 30. Commissioned in August 1954 with three years active duty as pilot. Flying status with AFRes since 1958. Has 2,300 hours flying time. Captain SHIELDS appears to be a mature and stable person. His ready answers to questions asked indicated exceptional powers of observation and proficiency as a pilot.

15g(1) Weather and winds - SHIELDS reported a full moon with no clouds above them and visibility of 30 to 40 miles. No obstructions to visibility.

3. Seven residents of Nephi, Utah (39 43N, 111 50W) were interviewed in an attempt to establish the location of the source of illumination as well as a description and direction of travel of the object. Each of the persons interviewed agreed that the illumination originated almost directly over Nephi. Further that the object generally described as a yellowish white ball of fire traveled in a northwesterly direction over and away from Nephi, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That approximately three to five minutes after the object disappeared in the northwest, the sound of a strong explosion was heard. Also that after the strong explosion, a series of 20 to 30 explosions were heard from the direction from which the object had appeared, most observers explaining the sound as like that of an anti-aircraft gun.

4. Three residents of Leamington, Utah (39 32N, 112 17W) were interviewed in an attempt to obtain a cross bearing on the direction of travel of the object. All three persons agreed that the object passed over to the east of Leamington on a heading of 340 to 355 degrees, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That after the object passed off on the above heading, the bright object turned to a dull color and seemed to burn out. Due to the brightness of the illumination, residents stated they were unable to determine a shape or altitude of the object.

5. At 1430Z on 19 April 1962 Roy NIELSON was interviewed at Lynndyl, Utah, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information was received concerning the object:

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15a(1) Shape - A bulky form, a little wider than long.

15a(2) Size - At the distance about the size of a basketball.

15a(3) Color - A white color with a bluish tint. Like the color of burning metal at white heat.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - a long trail of flame approximately 300 feet long. After flame went by there was a trail of dark gray smoke.

15a(8) Sound - Object had a "whooshing" sound as it went over. After object went over, approximately 30 sharp explosions were heard in mid-air like dynamite explosions set off at close intervals.

15a(9) Pertinent features - None he could see.

15b(1) What called attention to object - Was tending water in garden when entire valley lighted up as bright as day. Looked up to locate source of illumination and saw object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Passed overhead about 300 feet east of his location. Estimated object was 300 to 500 feet above him when it passed over going in a northwesterly direction.

15b(3) Angle, elevation or azimuth at time of disappearance - Appeared to be descending in a shallow glide on a north west heading at the time object seemed to burn out.

15b(4) Description of flight path - A flat trajectory from the south east to north west in a slightly descending glide. No maneuvers.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Seemed to burn out while going away into northwest.

15b(6) How long was object visible - two to three seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0315Z to 0320Z on 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - North end of Lynndyl, Utah (39 31N, 112 22 1/2W).

15f Information on observer - Roy NIELSON, age 60, Lynndyl, Utah, Storekeeper and Garage Operator. Neighbors have a high regard for the honesty and veracity of NIELSON. Interview and comparison of estimates of distances indicate NIELSON may be a poor judge of distance.

15g(1) Weather and winds - NIELSON reported no winds, with moon shining brightly and a few high scattered cumulous clouds.

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6. Four sheepmen and **herders** located at Jericho, Utah (39 45N, 112 11W) were interviewed on 19 April 1962 with regard to the object. The four interviewees concurred that the object passed east of Jericho on a north-west heading. After their attention was attracted by the brilliant illumination, the persons observed the object and described it substantially as a bright white object which left a trail of dark gray smoke. Also that the object seemed to burn out or turn dark after passing over the immediate area. The descriptions of the 20 to 30 sharp explosions heard after the object passed over given by each of the men generally agreed, with the noise likened to that of anti-aircraft fire.

7. On 19 April 1962 Mr. Bob ROBINSON was interviewed at the Silver City Mine at Silver City, Utah, and the following information obtained:

15a(1) Shape - Round ball of fire.

15a(2) Size - About the size of a soccer ball.

15a(3) Color - White with a yellowish tint and a bright yellow jagged flame coming from the rear of the object.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.

15a(7) Tail, trail or exhaust - The object had a bright yellowish flame coming from the rear. After object passed overhead, a dark gray smoke trail remained in the sky.

15a(8) Sound - Object emitted a gasping sound three or four times when it slowed down in flight and then speeded up again. After object had burned out, approximately 20 sharp explosions were heard in direction from which object came.

15a(9) Pertinent features - Yellow jagged flame at rear of object. After object had slowed up and surged ahead three or four times, the flame at the rear of object turned from yellow to blue, and jagged ends of trailing flame turned into a sharp pointed flame at the rear.

15b(1) What called attention to object - Bright illumination overhead caused him to look up and see object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled northeast over mountain east of his location on a flat trajectory. Could not estimate altitude.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Traveling north west with descending angle. Below top of mountains to west (8,000 feet).

15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - As object passed over ROBINSON, it slowed down in air, and after gasping sound was heard, the object spurted ahead again. After this procedure was repeated three or four times, the object arched over and began descending to earth after which the object turned bluish color and then burned out or went dark. After object began to slow down it began to wobble or "fishtail" in it's path.

15b(5) How did object disappear - After beginning to arc over toward the ground, the object turned dark or burned out, still on a northeast heading.

15b(6) How long object visible - Two or three seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.

15d(1) Zulu time-date group - 0319Z 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - 2,000 feet southeast of junction of US Highway 50-6 and Utah Highway 36 (39 50N, 112 22W).

15f Information on observer - Bob ROBINSON, age 35-40, Eureka, Utah, Miner. ROBINSON appears to be a mature and stable person. Law enforcement officers in that area advised that ROBINSON was very reliable and trustworthy, and they placed a great deal of faith in his story concerning the object.

15g(1) Weather and winds - Observer reported practically no wind, with moon shining and only high clouds.

8. On 24 April 1962 a telephone call was received from Mr. W. C. JONES, 1843 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah. JONES was relaying information concerning a UFO observed by his mother, Mrs. George T. JONES, 1866 North State, Orem, Utah. The following information was obtained:

15a(1) Shape - Shaped like a luncheon cloth with a round ball in the center about the size of a large coconut.

15a(2) Size - The size of a luncheon cloth.

15a(3) Color - Yellow with black corners, a bright red object the size of a coconut in the center.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - As it was burning, the edges appeared to curl. Mrs. JONES states this was not like any meteorite or falling star she had seen and that she first thought it was an exploding aircraft.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - Object came down out of a shaft of smoke.

15a(8) Sound - None.

15a(9) Pertinent features: A bright red ball, the size of a large coconut in the center of the object.

15b(1) What called attention to object: The bright illumination overhead caused her to look up and see the object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled straight down toward the ground. Elevation and azimuth not determined.

15b(3) Elevation and Azimuth at time of disappearance - In dropping toward the ground elevation and azimuth not determined.

15b(4) Flight Path and Maneuvers - Dropped straight to the ground.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Did not notice manner of disappearance.

15b(6) How long object visible - 2 - 3 seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical Aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0315Z, 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of Observer - On Utah Highway 11, 1/3 of distance between Moroni and Fountain Green, Utah, (39 33N, 111 39W).

15f Information on observer - Mrs. George T. JONES, 1866 North State, Orem, Utah, age 76. Mr. JONES stated that his mother had remarkable eye sight and control of her facilities for a person of that age.

15g(1) Weather and winds - Not noticed.

9. Following is the balance of information forwarded in compliance with AFR 200-2 dated 14 September 1959:

15g(2) Weather and winds-The US Weather Bureau at the Salt Lake City Airport reported conditions at 0300Z as 10 knot surface winds from 180 degrees, 5 knot wind at 170 degrees at 6,000 feet, 5 knot winds from 160 degrees at 10,000 feet, 15 knot winds from 240 degrees at 16,000 feet, and 10 knot wind from 260 degrees at 20,000 feet. No information available above 20,000 feet.

15g(3) Ceiling - Above 20,000 feet MSL.

15g(4) Visibility - 30 miles.

15g(5) Cloud cover - 6.

15g(6) Thunderstorms - None reported by weather bureau.

15g(7) Temperature Gradient - 70 degrees, dewpoint 36.

15h Unusual activity or condition - None.

15i Interception or identification - None attempted.

15j Air traffic and balloon releases - No air traffic in area to account for sighting and no reports of missing aircraft. Two balloon releases at 0001Z and 1200Z on 19 April 1962 would not account for sighting.

15k The preparing officer is Chief Criminal Investigator, 18-9, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that each of the observers interviewed were logical, mature persons, and that each person was convinced that he had observed some tangible object, not identifiable as as balloon or conventional type aircraft. The theory that the object was a manned aircraft was abandoned due to the described shape and color and flaming tail of the object, plus the fact there are no reports of missing aircraft in this area. No unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present which would furnish an explanation for the sighting. No missile test firings are conducted in the immediate area other than static tests. The hypotheses that the object was a [illegible] REPORT UNCLASSIFIED [illegible] REPORT

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FROM: Sec & Law Enforce
Div, [illegible]

falling meteor is questioned due to the statements of three observers describing the flat trajectory, plus the description of sounds emanating from the object and the account of the "table cloth" and the final object falling to the ground. Due to the inaccessibility of the valley, ten miles wide by 15 miles long in which the object apparently came to earth, no further search for the object is contemplated. With the completion of this initial report, no explanation has been developed for the brilliant illumination of the area, the object itself, or the explosions in the wake of the object.

Douglas M. Crouch
DOUGLAS M. CROUCH, Chief
Criminal Investigation Section
Sec & Law Enforcement Div

Charles
CHARLES W. [illegible]
Major, USAF
Chief, Sec & Law Enforcement Div

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1. Tape recording of interview with Capt Shields
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)
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UNCLAS FM ACWOP 0268. FOR AFCIN HQ USAF WASH DC AND SAFIS SEC AIR FORCE WASH DC. THE FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS SUBMITTED IAW AFR 200-2.

1. A. NONE DISTINGUISHABLE
   B. 1/2 PENCIL SIZE IN WIDTH ABOUT 3 INCHES IN LENGTH
   C. ORANGE
   D. NO DEFINITE OBJECT SIGHTED
   E. N/A
   F. APPEARED AS BRIGHT FLASH AND EXPLOSION
   G. N/A

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H. NONE

I. APPEARED AS EXPLOSION ON HORIZON WITH TRAILS OF FIRES EXTENDING TO CLOUDS

2. A. A BRIGHT FLASH WHICH ILLUMINATED COCKPIT

B. 270 DEGREES BEARING FROM A/C ON HORIZON IN CLOUDS

C. SAME

D. NONE OBSERVED

E. BURN OUT

AOI F. 2 SECONDS

3. A. AIR VISUAL

B. NONE

C. F100C 54759 25,000 132 DEG HEADING, SPEED 85 M BUCKLEY ANGB

4. A. 19 APR. 62 0319Z

B. NGHT

5. 130 DEGREES RADIAL 60NM FROM CHEYENNE TACAN 104 DEG 00 MIN 00 SEC W 40 DEG 23 MIN 00 SEC N

6. A. N/ A

B. CRAVER E. E. 1LT, 120TH TFS PILOT COMPLETELY RELIABLE

7. A. 1-015 WINDS 310 DEG/25

B. 090 5

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C. CLEAR AT BUCKLEY THIN CIRRUS AT 28,000

D. 60 MILES

E. THIN SCATTERED CONDITION

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. CAMPBELL, L. P. II 2LT COLO-ANG I DID NOT OBSERVE THIS SIGHTING AND COULD ONLY GUESS AS TO IT'S CAUSE OR SOURCE

12.

B NONE

13. THE PILOT WHO REPORTED THIS TO ME DID NOT IDENTIFY THIS AS AN OBJECT, BUT MERELY A FLASH. HE SAID THE FLASH WAS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE IT ILLUMINATED THE WESTERN SKY. THE COLOR WAS

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SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SUN. HE THOUGHT IT TO BE AN EXPLOSION AND SAW ONLY THE AFTER EFFECTS OF FIRE TRAILS IN THE CLOUDS

19/0525Z TELE NBR 366-5363 EXT 270 CAMPBELL, LEWIS P. II

TELEPHONE 366-5363 EXT 251 DENVER

BT

20/2000Z APR RJWFKFK

Time: 2320 hours EST
Who: L/col H. C SHOWERS
AF command post
what: telephone call

Col. Showers called to inform FTD of the following event reported to the war room at the pentagon. These notes were relayed via a stenographer:

General Kuter (NORAD) took off and was climbing through 10,000' when he saw a "meteor" come out of orbit at 0319 Z 19 APR. He described the object as cherry red, clear green, with a long white and red tail. He estimated object near Colorado Springs and AF academy. USAF indicated reports coming in from Idaho, Utah, Arizona, "OCD" 28th and 29th (??) regions. Navy aircraft, B52 crew, and DC-8 pilots all reported alike in shape, color, and general direction of travel ie south to north. An "Air Force Colonel" reported that object hit the western range but there was no noise. Denver center reported at 0332Z that after 10-15 minutes after the first report, the trail could still be seen. No radar pick up reported as yet. Visual sightings only.

Time: 1130 hours EST
Who: SGT Moody

I called Sgt Moody and asked him to come over. After checking his records, he indicated the object was probably the decay of 1961 Lambda 1 SPADAT object II 900?. He suggested I call the USAF CP back and offer that information. Also, I requested the CP to determine the duration of the sighting and to check the direction of travel.

time: 0010 hours EST
Who: L/col JAMES R. HOWELL
AFLC CP

Col. Howell called to inform us of numerous reports to the FAA and AFLC on the above sighting. It was observed in Los Angeles, Cal.; Montana; Kansas; Utah. A Captain Shields of the 733 Troop Carrier squadron OGDEN, UTAH reported to AFLC that the object appeared around 0300 Z and was extremely bright - like burning magnesium. He happened to be in a procedure turn and thus estimated the life to be 10 seconds. He further stated it was traveling from the southwest to the north east.

Note: I checked msgs all nite but nothing appeared regarding this activity.

Howell A. Dennis
Captain USAF

UPI A113N

SALT LAKE CITY, APRIL 18 (UPI)--A BRIGHT "FIREBALL" AND "FLASHES OF LIGHT" WERE SIGHTED IN THE SKY TONIGHT BY PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES. IT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A METEOR.

SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED AS FAR EAST AS GRIDLEY, KAN., AND IN NEVADA TO THE WEST, ACCORDING TO THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL. OTHER STATES WHERE REPORTS WERE MADE INCLUDED UTAH, IDAHO, MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA.

IN THE CENTRAL UTAH AREA, RESIDENTS ALSO REPORTED HEARING RUMBLING SOUNDS AND EXPLOSIONS.

OBSERVERS IN NEPHI, UTAH--ABOUT 90 MILES SOUTH OF SALT LAKE CITY--SAID THE OBJECT APPEARED TO PASS DIRECTLY OVER THE CITY FROM EAST TO WEST.

IN SALT LAKE CITY, OBSERVERS AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TOWER SAID THEY SAW THREE SEPARATE FLASHES OF LIGHT--THE LAST ONE "AS BRIGHT AS DAY."

THE SOUND HEARD IN NEPHI WAS DESCRIBED "LIKE A SONIC BOOM," WHILE RESIDENTS IN SPRINGVILLE--40 MILES TO THE NORTH--REPORTED SEPARATE EXPLOSIVE SOUNDS. IN NEARBY PROVO, THE SOUND WAS DESCRIBED AS A RUMBLING REVERBERATION WHICH FOLLOWED THE FLASHES BY BETWEEN 10 AND 12 MINUTES.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH PROF. ROBERT KADESCH SAID THE EXPLOSION COULD HAVE BEEN THE DISINTEGRATION OF A METEOR IN THE AIR. HE DESCRIBED SUCH EXPLOSIONS AS A COMMON PHENOMENA. HE SAID THE OTHER EXPLOSIONS COULD HAVE BEEN REVERBERATIONS OF THE FIRST.

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By MRS. AGNES PETERSON
Deseret News Correspondent

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EUREKA, UTAH, APRIL 19 (UPI)--A FIERY METEORITE BURNED A TRAIL THROUGH WESTERN SKIES LAST NIGHT BEFORE EXPLODING NEAR HERE WITH A BRILLIANCE THAT TURNED IT AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" 70 MILES AWAY.

OBSERVERS FROM KANSAS TO CALIFORNIA SAW THE "FIREBALL" STREAK THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE UNTIL IT EXPLODED ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF THIS SMALL CENTRAL UTAH COMMUNITY. THOSE WHO SAW THE BLAST WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PART OF THE METEOR CRASHED IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN OR IF IT DISINTEGRATED BEFORE HITTING THE GROUND.

POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH BERNINI SAID THE EXPLOSION WAS "VERY CLOSE" TO THE COMMUNITY. RESIDENTS SAW A "BLUE FLASH", THEN HEARD THE EXPLOSION AND A "RUMBLING OFF IN THE DISTANCE."

THE FLASH WAS SO BRIGHT THAT EUREKA'S STREET LIGHTS AUTOMATICALLY WENT OFF AS THEIR PHOTO-ELECTRIC GUIDANCE CELLS RECORDED "DAYLIGHT." IN SALT LAKE CITY, 70 MILES NORTH OF THE EXPLOSION SITE, THE BLAST TURNED IT AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" FOR BRIEF SECONDS.

MOST OBSERVERS REPORTED THE FLEET "FIREBALL" WAS TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION. IN NEVADA, HOWEVER, THEY SAID IT WAS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

THE TOWER AT SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT SAID THERE WERE THREE SEPARATE FLASHES, APPARENTLY EXPLOSIONS, WITH THE FINAL ONE "LIGHTING UP THE SKY." OBSERVERS IN SOUTHERN UTAH REPORTED SEEING TRAILS OF SMOKE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AFTER THE METEORITE PASSED.

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2ND NIGHT LEAD FIREBALL (PREVIOUS RENO)

EUREKA, UTAH, APRIL 18 (UPI)--A BRILLIANT "FIREBALL" FLASHED THROUGH WESTERN SKIES TONIGHT AND APPARENTLY CRASHED IN MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY SOUTH OF EUREKA, UTAH.

THE RESIDENTS OF THIS SMALL TOWN SAID THEY SAW A "BLUE FLASH" AND HEARD "A RUMBLING OFF IN THE DISTANCE" IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD. POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH BERNINI SAID THE CRASH WAS "VERY CLOSE" TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY AT DELTA, UTAH, SAID THE METEORITE EXPLODED ABOUT 35 MILES NORTHEAST OF THERE. A UTAH HIGHWAY PATROLMAN ESTIMATED IT CRASHED ABOUT 15 MILES WEST OF NEPHI, UTAH. THESE SIGHTINGS WOULD PUT THE SITE OF THE EXPLOSION ROUGHLY 20 MILES SOUTH OF HERE.

BERNINI SAID THAT EUREKA'S STREET LIGHTS, WHICH ARE OPERATED BY PHOTO-ELECTRIC CELLS, WENT OFF BECAUSE THE FLASH WAS SO BRIGHT. BUT THEY IMMEDIATELY WENT ON AGAIN WHEN DARKNESS RETURNED, AND THERE WAS NO OTHER POWER FAILURE.

THE "FIREBALL" AND "FLASHES OF LIGHT" WERE REPORTED AS FAR WEST AS LAS VEGAS, NEV., AND AS FAR EAST AS GRIDLEY, KAN. MOST REPORTS INDICATED IT WAS TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST. THE EXCEPTIONS WERE SIGHTINGS IN NEVADA, WHERE OBSERVERS SAID IT WAS TRAVELING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

IN SALT LAKE CITY THE "FIREBALL" WAS SEEN TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST. THE LIGHT OF THE METEORITE WHEN IT EXPLODED WAS DESCRIBED AS "BRIGHT AS DAY" IN SALT LAKE--70 MILES TO THE NORTH.

THE "FIREBALL" WAS REPORTED BY OBSERVERS IN IDAHO, MONTANA, OREGON, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA AS WELL AS NEVADA, KANSAS AND UTAH. NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN COLORADO SPRINGS SAID ONE REPORT OF A SIGHTING CAME FROM AS FAR AWAY AS NEW YORK.

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UPI A20

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1ST NIGHT LEAD FIREBALL (A113N) (PREVIOUS SALT LAKE CITY)

RENO, NEV., APRIL 18 (UPI)--A BRILLIANT "FIREBALL" FLASHED THROUGH WESTERN SKIES TONIGHT AND THE AIR FORCE REPORTED A METEORITE HAD LANDED NEAR EUREKA, UTAH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE 28TH AIR DIVISION OF THE AIR FORCE AT STEAD AIR FORCE BASE IN RENO SAID THE POWER AT EUREKA, 40 MILES WEST OF PROVO, UTAH, WAS KNOCKED OUT FROM THE IMPACT AND WORD OF THE METEORITE'S LANDING WAS HELD UP UNTIL POWER WAS RESTORED.

THE "FIREBALL" WAS DESCRIBED BY RENO RESIDENTS AS A VIVID, GREENISH LIGHT THAT FLASHED ACROSS THE SKIES AND THEN DISAPPEARED OVER THE MOUNTAINS TRAVELING FROM WEST TO EAST. WITNESSES SAID A FLASH OF WHITE LIGHT LIGHTED UP THE SKIES, PRESUMABLY WHEN THE OBJECT LANDED.

SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED IN LAS VEGAS, NEV., AND THE NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE COMMAND SAID ONE REPORT CAME FROM AS FAR EAST AS NEW YORK.

THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SAID THE PRESUMED METEORITE WAS SEEN IN UTAH, IDAHO, MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, WYOMING AND ARIZONA AS WELL AS NEVADA.

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ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY
60 GARDEN STREET
CAMBRIDGE 38, MASSACHUSETTS

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May 15, 1962

Dear Bob - Came across this old stationery tonight - old memories!

The enclosed Polaroid shot tells the story quite well I think. The desk clock represents the sun. The earth is set for April 19 in its orbit (approx) and the globe itself is turned to correspond to 3:19 Z. The pointer depicts the orbit of the meteoroid. It looks horizontal almost, but the trajectory is actually S.E. to N.W. on the curved surface of the earth. Note how it comes over Cuba and the top of S. America.

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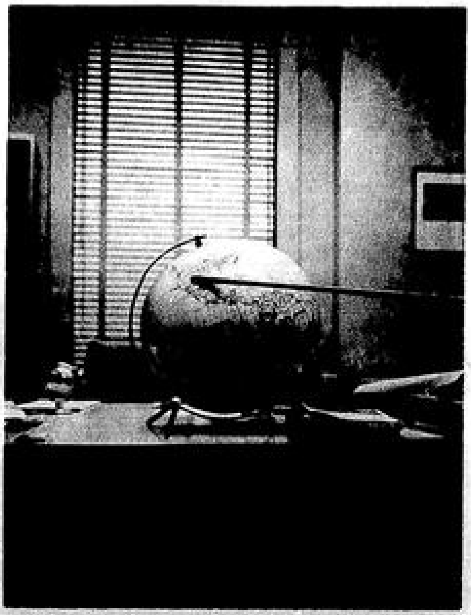

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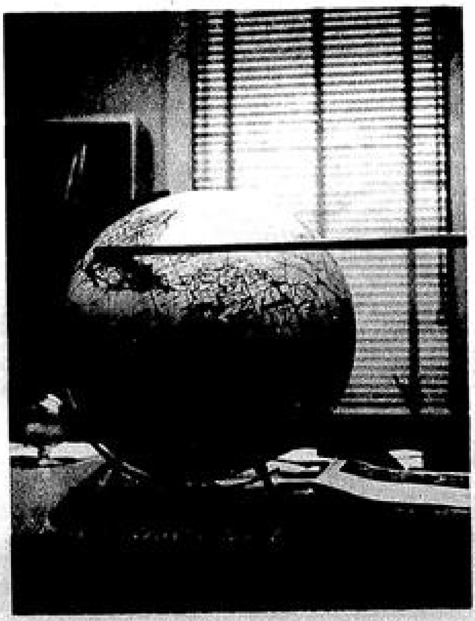

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never seen before midnight, that the earth was not meeting this one head on. You were completely right in your analysis of this particular case. So, go to the head of the class Bob — anytime you want to teach astronomy at Northwestern just let me know!!

The stereo pictures I took out west have come back – good. You look fine on the scooter. The next time I see you – which I hope will be here – I'll show them to you in the stereo viewer.

I hope you and Bob Hart can come here for a summit meeting – I could get a ticket for you in my name, I suppose. Same difference – I come to Dayton or you come here.

Any repercussions yet from the public re the X-15 incident? I'll be most interested.

Cheers,

Allen

Juab County

STATE OF UTAH

Nephi, Utah

OFFICE OF
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JUAB COUNTY SHERIFF
NEPHI, UTAH

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Professor J. Allen Hynek
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Professor,

I received your letter and thanks for the check, I appreciate it.

We took a ride out to Vernon the other day and talked to Mr. Sharp again. He was just as positive of the angle he had seen the meteor as when you talked with him. We asked him about the distance he had seen it travel, as you requested, and he held his hands about two feet apart at arms length, if that will help you any.

My wife was able to get the item about the reward in three papers and she has clippings of two of them for you. I am enclosing a letter we received in response to the newspaper article. It will speak for itself. Could it be possible they seen a piece that had broken from the main meteor?

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Sincerely

Pete

P S The day my wife and I went to Vernon we went about 30 miles further west onto the desert in hopes we might find someone to talk to that might have some information but it was a dry run. This is in the general direction you figured it to be traveling and I think it may be out a little farther than at first believed. I make regular trips out in the area and will make it a point to make inquiries every chance I get. We went to what is known as River Bottom, you may be able to find it on your map.

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Northwestern University scientist, officers investigate Tintic area

Professor J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Astronomy Dept. at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and two air force officers, one from Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and another from Hill Field were in town last week, where they joined Gerald Peterson, Juab Co. Deputy Sheriff, Hi-Way Patrolman, Thomas Rynearson, and Bob Robinson, and the group made a tour of the area for an entire day. They are trying to get information on the elevation and the bearing at the time the meteorite burned out in this area, or as it was supposed to have. (Mr. Robinson was in West Tintic at the time the meteor blazed through the sky and had a "ring-side" seat so to speak.)

Prof. Hynek is offering a $100 reward to the finder of the meteorite, as it will be very valuable for scientific information. Prof. Hynek stated that there are two distinctive types of meteorites, which will be quite different from the native rocks. One is an iron nickel meteorite, which is extremely heavy, the other a stony meteorite with nodules, with metallic imbedding.

Anyone having definite information regarding the meteor is asked to contact Mrs. Peterson in Eureka, and he will forward the finding to Prof. Hynek.

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Pete

25 May 1962

Deputy Sheriff Gerald Peterson
Eureka,
Utah

Dear Pete:

Thanks very much for your recent letter and for the newspaper clippings. I am especially happy to get the additional information from Mr. Sharp and of course I am very pleased over the newspaper coverage we got and I hope that it brings in some real responses.

It looks now as though my daughter and I will be driving west for a conference at Boulder, Colorado, after which we'd like to come by Eureka for a day or two and check up on a few more angles and positions. It would also give me a chance to find out whether anything more has been done by anyone else in trying to locate the fallen meteorite. If our plans materialize, we would be in Eureka about June 24 or 25. It would be a pleasure seeing you again and maybe you and I could drive around a bit and talk to a few more people.

The letter from the woman who was driving east to Salt Lake City is interesting and does indicate that it might have been possible for a portion of the meteorite to have broken off and landed near them. On the other hand, her report is so similiar to that of Nielson's much farther south that I rather tend to think that these people were blinded by the bright light and completely underestimated the distance of the phenomenon.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Peterson and to the others of our "search gang".

Cordially,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:jcm

Boise, Idaho
4855 Fenton St.
May 11, 1962.

Professor J. Allen Hynek,
Northwest University of Utah.

Dear Professor Hynek.

I understand you are interested in the meteorite which fell in Utah on the night of April 18. My husband, 3 sons and I left Salt Lake City, Utah Wednesday evening April 18 at about 5^{30} p.m. traveling east on hiway 50. we traveled at 45 or 50 miles per hour and you can probably judge about where it fell from tracing our route. The meteorite came down right by the side of hiway (not on drivers side) about 50 feet from road bed, about 100 miles out of Salt Lake City. It was quite low as my husband just looked out the pickup window (a son was driving) & didn't have to look up to see it pass by. If this will be of any help to you in locating it I sure hope so.

We were on a trip to Missouri at the time after visiting our daughter and family in Salt Lake City, and have just returned to Boise, Idaho recently.

Sincerely
Mrs Pebble Cox
4855 Fenton St
Boise, Idaho.

25 May 1962

Mrs. Pebble Cox
4855 Fenton Street
Boise, Idaho

Dear Mrs. Cox:

Thank you for your letter of May 11. The information you have supplied me will be of help, I am sure, in eventually locating the meteorite.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

JAH:jcm

REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL OF MILITARY PERSONNEL

(If more space is required, continue on reverse, identifying items by number.)

DATE
1 May 1962

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION

I.

TO: Administrative Officer, Hq FTD

FROM: *(Requesting authority)*
Dep/Science & Components, Hq FTD(AFSC) USAF, WPAFB, Ohio

1. REQUEST TDY BE AUTHORIZED AS INDICATED IN ITEMS 5 THROUGH 12.

2. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL
EDWARD H. WYNN, COLONEL, USAF
Dep/Science & Components

3. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

4. PHONE NR.
69216

TEMPORARY DUTY TRAVEL ORDERS

II.

5. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) WILL PROCEED AS INDICATED. UPON COMPLETION WILL RETURN TO PROPER STATION:

GRADE	NAME *(First name, middle initial, last name, AFSN)*	ORGANIZATION	SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR PERIOD OF TDY
LT COL	ROBERT J. FRIEND, 14915A	Hq Foreign Technology Div.(AFSC) USAF Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio	TOP SECRET

6. DEPART ON OR ABOUT 7 May 1962

7. APPROXIMATE NR. OF DAYS *(Include travel time)* THREE (3)

8. DDALV

9. SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF TDY
Investigate sighting of UFO.

10. ITINERARY: [illegible] VARIATIONS IN ITINERARY AUTHORIZED
FROM: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
TO: Eureka, Utah
RETURN TO: Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

11. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
CIVILIAN CLOTHING AUTHORIZED FOR THIS OFFICIAL MISSION.

12. MODES OF TRAVEL a. ☐ TRAVEL BY ______ DIRECTED WHEN AVAILABLE b. ☐ TPA. TRAVEL TIME BY COMMON CARRIER *(rail or bus)* IS ____ DAYS. TRAVEL TIME IN EXCESS IS CHARGEABLE TO DELAY ENROUTE AUTHORIZED IN ITEM 8. c. ☐ TPA. THIS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT. d. ☐ OTHER

AUTHORIZATION

III.

13. AUTHORITY
AFM 35-11, AFM 10-3

14. DATE
3 May 1962

15. SPECIAL ORDER NR.
T-1094

16. DESIGNATION AND LOCATION OF APPROVING HEADQUARTERS OR UNIT
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19. REQUEST FOR TDY IS APPROVED AND WILL BE PERFORMED. TDN.
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UNCLAS FM ACWOP 0268. FOR AFCIN HQ USAF WASH DC AND SAFIS SEC AIR FORCE WASH DC. THE FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS SUBMITTED IAW AFR 200-2.

1. A. NONE DISTINGUISHABLE
   B. 1/2 PENCIL SIZE IN WIDTH ABOUT 3 IMIHES IN LENGTH
   C. ORANGE
   D. NO DEFINITE OBJECT SIGHTED
   E. N/A
   F. APPEARED AS BRIGHT FLASH AND EXPLOSION
   G. N/A

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H. NONE

I. APPEARED AS EXPLOSION ON HORIZON WITH TRAILS OF FIRES EXTENDING TO CLOUDS

2. A. A BRIGHT FLASH WHICH ILLUMINATED COCKPIT

B. 270 DEGREES BEARING FROM A/C ON HORIZON IN CLOUDS

C. SAME

D. NONE OBSERVED

E. BURN OUT

AOI F. 2 SECONDS

3. A. AIR VISUAL

B. NONE

C. F100C 54759 25,000 132 DEG HEADING, SPEED 85 M BUCKLEY ANGB

4. A. 19 APR. 62 0319Z

B. NGHT

5. 130 DEGREES RADIAL 60NM FROM CHEYENNE TACAN 104 DEG 00 MIN 00 SEC W 40 DEG 23 MIN 00 SEC N

6. A. N/ A

B. CRAVER E. E. 1LT, 120TH TFS PILOT COMPLETELY RELIABLE

7. A. 1-015 WINDS 310 DEG/25

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SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE SUN. HE THOUGHT IT TO BE AN EXPLOSION AND SAW ONLY THE AFTER EFFECTS OF FIRE TRAILS IN THE CLOUDS

19/0525Z TELE NBR 366-5363 EXT 270 CAMPBELL, LEWIS P. II

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C. CLEAR AT BUCKLEY THIN CIRRUS AT 28,000

D. 60 MILES

E. THIN SCATTERED CONDITION

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. CAMPBELL, L. P. II 2LT COLO-ANG I DID NOT OBSERVE THIS SIGHTING AND COULD ONLY GUESS AS TO IT'S CAUSE OR SOURCE

12.

B NONE

13. THE PILOT WHO REPORTED THIS TO ME DID NOT IDENTIFY THIS AS AN OBJECT, BUT MERELY A FLASH. HE SAID THE FLASH WAS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE IT ILLUMINATED THE WESTERN SKY. THE COLOR WAS

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We had a need for this at one time, please forgive the delay in returning.

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TD-E/Lt Col Friend

UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962) 2 August 1962

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 and unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In complance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program,,to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigators came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
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PLACE & DATE ACQ. Hill AFB, Lyndyl and Eureka, Utah 18 - 19 April 1962
FROM Sec & Law Enforce Div, Hill AFB Ut.
EVALUATION B-2
SOURCE Sources below named.
PREPARED BY Douglas M. Crouch

SUMMARY: At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over Nephi, Utah, visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and Kansas. One violent explosion and 20-30 sharp explosions followed illumination. AF pilot in area reported clearly defined white object falling toward ground after illumination. Resident of Lyndyl, Utah, stated a bright white object passed over him traveling north-west at 300-500 feet altitude, having bright white trail, turning to smoke trail after object passed. Observers at Jericho, Utah, (39 45N, 112 11W) stated object passed east of Jericho in north-west direction. Observer 3 miles south-west of Eureka, Utah (39 58N, 112 07W) reported object passed over in northeast direction, alternately emitting gasping sound, retarding forward movement, and surging ahead three or four times, before flame at tail of object turned from bright yellow to blue. Observer stated object arced over and estimated that object landed in Rush Valley in vicinity of McIntire Ranch (39 09N, 112 09W).

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 a brilliant mid-air illumination appeared over central Utah which was reported visible in Idaho, California, Arizona and as far East as Kansas. Observers reported a bright object generally described as a brilliant white ball fall toward the earth in that area.

2. At 0620Z on 19 April 1962 Captain Herman G. SHIELDS, AO 2216941, 733rd Troop Carrier Squadron, a reserve AF pilot and civilian Attorney at Law was interviewed at Hill AFB, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information and answers received to questions is prefaced by the paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.

15a(1) Shape - A long cylinderical shape like a cigarette.

15a(2) Size - At the distance object appeared to be the size of a cigarette.

15a(3) Color - The forward or lower part of object was a bright intense white such as a magnesium fire. The after half was a clearly distinguishable yellow color.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - None.

15a(8) Sound - None heard.

15a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.

15b(1) What called attention to object - The bright intense light directly above his aircraft.

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15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - When object was first spotted it was lower than aircraft (8,500 feet), and between aircraft and mountains to east. Bearing from aircraft approximately 65 to 75 degrees from nose of aircraft which was on approximately 130 degree magnetic heading.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Same as 15b(2) above.

15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - Traveling toward the ground, 10 to 20 degrees from vertical or 70 to 80 degrees from horizontal. Flight path from south west to north-east.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Object disappeared suddenly before striking the ground (rate of turn of aircraft might have made it disappear from view).

15b(6) How long was object visible - Object itself was visible for not more than two seconds. Time from beginning of illumination to disappearance of object was a minimum of ten seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical Aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne sighting - C-119 aircraft # 53-0093, altitude 8,500 feet. Turning right from heading of 68 degrees to heading of 165 degrees. Heading approximately 130 degrees at time of sighting. Speed of 170 knots. Aircraft based at Hill Air Force Base.

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0319Z, 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - Above junction of US Highway 50-6 with Utah Highway 36, (39 30N, 112 25W) 3 miles southeast of Eureka, Utah.

15f Information on observer - Herman G. SHIELDS, Captain AFRes, 733rd Troop Carrier Sqdn, Hill AFB, Utah, Civilian occupation, Attorney at Law, Age 36. Commissioned in August 1954 with three years active duty as pilot. Flying status with AFRes since 1958. Has 2,300 hours flying time. Captain SHIELDS appears to be a mature and stable person. His ready answers to questions asked indicated exceptional powers of observation and proficiency as a pilot.

15g(1) Weather and winds - SHIELDS reported a full moon with no clouds above them and visibility of 30 to 40 miles. No obstructions to visibility.

3. Seven residents of Nephi, Utah (39 43N, 111 50W) were interviewed in an attempt to establish the location of the source of illumination as well as a description and direction of travel of the object. Each of the persons interviewed agreed that the illumination originated almost directly over Nephi. Further that the object generally described as a yellowish white ball of fire traveled in a northwesterly direction over and away from Nephi, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That approximately three to five minutes after the object disappeared in the northeast, the sound of a strong explosion was heard. Also that after the strong explosion, a series of 20 to 30 explosions were heard from the direction from which the object had appeared, most observers explaining the sound as like that of an anti-aircraft gun.

4. Three residents of Leamington, Utah (39 32N, 112 17W) were interviewed in an attempt to obtain a cross bearing on the direction of travel of the object. All three persons agreed that the object passed over to the east of Leamington on a heading of 340 to 355 degrees, leaving a trail of dark gray smoke. That after the object passed off on the above heading, the bright object turned to a dull color and seemed to burn out. Due to the brightness of the illumination, residents stated they were unable to determine a shape or altitude of the object.

5. At 1430Z on 19 April 1962 Ray NIELSON was interviewed at Lyndyl, Utah, with a tape recording being made of the interview. The following information was received concerning the object:

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This format is used in lieu of AF Form 112a, which is not available.

15a(1) Shape - A bulky form, a little wider than long.

15a(2) Size - At the distance about the size of a basketball.

15a(3) Color - A white color with a bluish tint. Like the color of burning metal at white heat.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - A long trail of flame approximately 500 feet long. After flame went by there was a trail of dark gray smoke.

15a(8) Sound - Object had a "whooshing" sound as it went over. After object went over, approximately 30 sharp explosions were heard in mid-air like dynamite explosions set off at close intervals.

15a(9) Pertinent features - None he could see.

15b(1) What called attention to object - Was tending water in garden when entire valley lighted up as bright as day. Looked up to locate source of illumination and saw object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Passed overhead about 300 feet east of his location. Estimated object was 300 to 500 feet above him when it passed over going in a northwesterly direction.

15b(3) Angle, elevation or azimuth at time of disappearance - Appeared to be descending in a shallow glide on a north west heading at the time object seemed to burn out.

15b(4) Description of flight path - A flat trajectory from the south east to north west in a slightly descending glide. No maneuvers.

15b(5) How did object disappear - Seemed to burn out while going away into northwest.

15b(6) How long was object visible - two to three seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0315Z to 0320Z on 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - North end of Lynndyl, Utah (39 31N, 112 22 1/2W).

15f Information on observer - Ray NIELSON, age 60, Lynndyl, Utah, Storekeeper and Garage Operator. Neighbors have a high regard for the honesty and veracity of NIELSON. Interview and comparison of estimates of distances indicate NIELSON may be a poor judge of distance.

15g(1) Weather and winds - NIELSON reported no winds, with moon shining brightly and a few high scattered cumulous clouds.

6. Four sheepmen and **herders** located at Jericho, Utah (39 45N, 112 11W) were interviewed on 19 April 1962 with regard to the object. The four interviewees concurred that the object passed east of Jericho on a north-west heading. After their attention was attracted by the brilliant illumination, the persons observed the object and described it substantially as a bright white object which left a trail of dark gray smoke. Also that the object seemed to burn out or turn dark after passing over the immediate area. The descriptions of the 20 to 30 sharp explosions heard after the object passed over given by each of the men generally agreed, with the noise likened to that of anti-aircraft fire.

7. On 19 April 1962 Mr. Bob **ROBINSON** was interviewed at the Silver City Mine at Silver City, Utah, and the following information obtained:

15a(1) Shape - Round ball of fire.

15a(2) Size - About the size of a soccer ball.

15a(3) Color - White with a yellowish tint and a bright yellow jagged flame coming from the rear of the object.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - None he could see.

15a(7) Tail, trail or exhaust - The object had a bright yellowish flame coming from the rear. After object passed overhead, a dark gray smoke trail remained in the sky.

15a(8) Sound - Object emitted a gasping sound three or four times when it slowed down in flight and then speeded up again. After object had burned out, approximately 20 sharp explosions were heard in direction from which object came.

15a(9) Pertinent features - Yellow jagged flame at rear of object. After object had slowed up and surged ahead three or four times, the flame at the rear of object turned from yellow to blue, and jagged ends of trailing flame turned into a sharp pointed flame at the rear.

15b(1) What called attention to object - Bright illumination overhead caused him to look up and see object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled northwest over mountain east of his location on a flat trajectory. Could not estimate altitude.

15b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Traveling north west with descending angle. Below top of mountains to west (8,000 feet).

15b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - As object passed over ROBINSON, it slowed down in air, and after gasping sound was heard, the object spurted ahead again. After this procedure was repeated three or four times, the object arched over and began descending to earth after which the object turned bluish color and then burned out or went dark. After object began to slow down it began to wobble or "fishtail" in it's path.

15b(5) How did object disappear - After beginning to arc over toward the ground, the object turned dark or burned out, still on a northwest heading.

15b(6) How long object visible - Two or three seconds.

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15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical aids - none.

15c(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.

15d(1) Zulu time-date group - 0319Z 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of observer - 2,000 feet southeast of junction of US Highway 50-6 and Utah Highway 36 (39 30N, 112 20W).

15f Information on observer - Bob ROBINSON, age 35-40, Eureka, Utah, Miner. ROBINSON appears to be a mature and stable person. Law enforcement officers in that area advised that ROBINSON was very reliable and trustworthy, and they placed a great deal of faith in his story concerning the object.

15g(1) Weather and winds - Observer reported practically no wind, with moon shining and only high clouds.

8. On 24 April 1962 a telephone call was received from Mr. W. C. JONES, 1843 Atkin Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah. JONES was relaying information concerning a UFO observed by his mother, Mrs. George T. JONES, 1566 North State, Orem, Utah. The following information was obtained:

15a(1) Shape - Shaped like a luncheon cloth with a round ball in the center about the size of a large coconut.

15a(2) Size - The size of a luncheon cloth.

15a(3) Color - Yellow with black corners, a bright red object the size of a coconut in the center.

15a(4) Number - One.

15a(5) Formation - None.

15a(6) Discernible features - As it was burning, the edges appeared to curl. Mrs. JONES states this was not like any meteorite or falling star she had seen and that she first thought it was an exploding aircraft.

15a(7) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - Object came down out of a shaft of smoke.

15a(8) Sound - None.

15a(1) Pertinent features: A bright red ball, the size of a large coconut in the center of the object.

15b(1) What called attention to object: The bright illumination overhead caused her to look up and see the object.

15b(2) Angle, elevation and azimuth - Object traveled straight down toward the ground. Elevation and azimuth not determined.

15b(3) Elevation and Azimuth at time of disappearance - In dropping toward the ground elevation and azimuth not determined.

15b(4) Flight Path and Maneuvers - Dropped straight to the ground.

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15b(5) How did object disappear - Did not notice manner of disappearance.

15b(6) How long object visible - 2 - 3 seconds.

15c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

15c(2) Optical Aids - None.

15c(3) Airborne Sighting - N/A.

15d(1) Zulu time date group - 0415Z, 19 April 1962.

15d(2) Light conditions - Night.

15e Location of Observer - On Utah Highway 11, 1/3 of distance between Moroni and Fountain Green, Utah, (39 33N, 111 35W).

15f Information on observer - Mrs. George T. JONES, 1566 North State, Orem, Utah, age 78. Mr. JONES stated that his mother had remarkable eye sight and control of her facilities for a person of that age.

15g(1) Weather and winds - Not noticed.

9. Following is the balance of information forwarded in compliance with AFR 200-2 dated 14 September 1959:

15g(2) Weather and winds-The US Weather Bureau at the Salt Lake City Airport reported conditions at 0300Z as 10 knot surface winds from 180 degrees, 5 knot wind at 170 degrees at 6,000 feet, 5 knot winds from 160 degrees at 10,000 feet, 15 knot winds from 260 degrees at 16,000 feet, and 10 knot wind from 260 degrees at 20,000 feet. No information available above 20,000 feet.

15g(3) Ceiling - Above 20,000 feet MSL.

15g(4) Visibility - 30 miles.

15g(5) Cloud cover - 6.

15g(6) Thunderstorms - None reported by weather bureau.

15g(7) Temperature Gradient - 70 degrees, dewpoint 36.

15h Unusual activity or condition - None.'

15i Interception or identification - None attempted.

15j Air traffic and balloon releases - No air traffic in area to account for sighting and no reports of missing aircraft. Two balloon releases at 0001Z and 1200Z on 19 April 1962 would not account for sighting.

15k The preparing officer is Chief Criminal Investigator, 2d-7, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that each of the observers interviewed were logical, mature persons, and that each person was convinced that he had observed some tangible object, not identifiable as as balloon or conventional type aircraft. The theory that the object was a manned aircraft was abandoned due to the described shape and color and flaming tail of the object, plus the fact there are no reports of missing aircraft in this area. No unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present which would furnish an explanation for the sighting. No missile test firings are conducted in the immediate area other than static tests. The hypotheses that the object was a falling meteor is questioned due to the statements of three observers describing the flat trajectory, plus the description of sounds eminating from the object and the account of the "table cloth" and the final object falling to the ground. Due to the inaccessibility of the valley, ten miles wide by 15 miles long in which the object apparently came to earth, no further search for the object is contemplated. With the completion of this initial report, no explanation has been developed for the brilliant illumination of the area, the object itself, or the explosions in the wake of the object.

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1. Tape recording of interview with Capt Shields
2. Tape recording of interview with Mr Nielson

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August 6, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTN: MR. LaVECCHIA

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Mr. George C. Marbut

The April 18th, 1962 event noted by Mr. Marbut was thoroughly investigated by the Air Force because of the unusual amount of public interest as well as the scientific potential. Depositions were taken from several well regarded individuals in the Lynndyle, Leamington, Silver City, Salt Lake, Eureka areas of Utah. An attempt was made to recover particles of the object, but correlation of testimony by various witnesses indicated their probable location to be in a virtually inaccessable valley to to 15 miles long in the Wasatch National Forest.

Detailed study of the depositions have ~~lead~~ led to the conclusion that the object was a "bolide" that exploded as it neared the surface of the earth. Several of the depositions reported one big explosion followed by 20-30 smaller explosions likened to anti-aircraft fire.

Lt. Colonel Robert Friend and Dr. J. Allen Hynek conducted the investigation for the Air Force. Detailed reports are on file in this office.

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Flash, Boom Over Utah Fireball Lights Skies In Ten States

The huge "ball of fire" which flashed across the Western U. S. between 8:15 and 8:19 p.m. on 18 April 1962 was so brilliant that it triggered the photoelectric street lighting system in Eureka, Utah. The object was traveling from east to west. All street lights turned off in Eureka as the object passed over. Authorities thought the fireball crashed about 16 miles south of the small town. Residents saw a "blue flash" and heard a "rumbling" off in the distance immediately after the sighting.

Salt Lake City observers said the light of the "meteor" was as "bright as day." It was seen in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, Kansas and Utah. An FAA spokesman at Salt Lake City said the object vanished over southwestern Utah about 35 miles northeast of Delta. He also said aircraft and ground observers in the area confirmed the report.

Although not definitely established, a green glow seen by a tower spokesman at Peterson Field (Colorado Springs, Colo.) west of Pike's Peak, may have been connected with the sighting. The light was obstructed by the mountain.

Air Force officers from Hill AFB at Ogden, Utah, questioned sheepherders in the hills south of Eureka, Utah, who [illegible] the object. [illegible] Robinson of Eureka said it first looked like a "polliwog" with its tail on fire, going east to west in "sort of jerks." He said it suddenly exploded into a "sodium blue-white light brighter than day" and then continued on, looking like a vapor trail from a jet. He estimated it was 8 to 10 seconds before the sound became audible, sounding like cannons firing in the distance.

Most observers in Nevada declared the object was traveling west to east.

The thought occurs that this object was a perfect high-altitude flare—illuminating most of a two-state area to a point of daylight brightness. It so happens that the two states receiving most of the light were Utah and Nevada, both locations of U. S. Missile and nuclear test sites.

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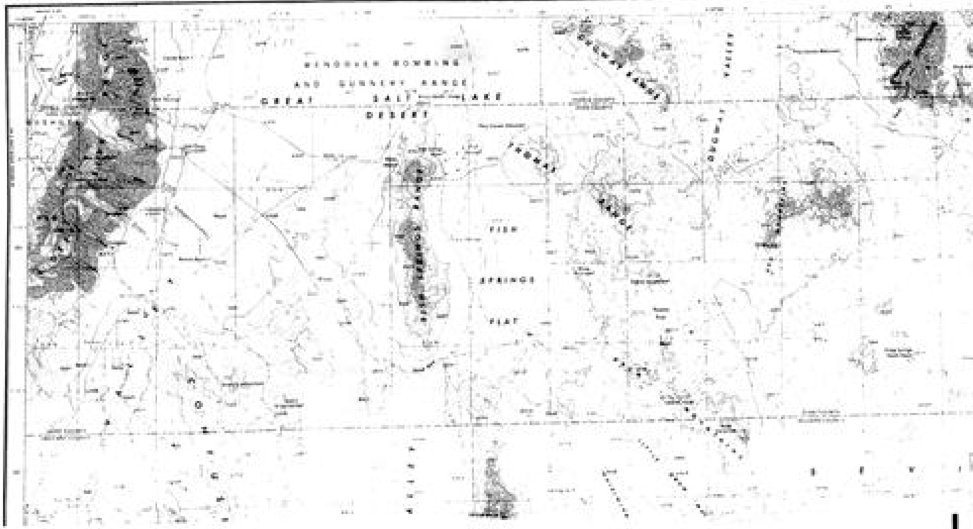
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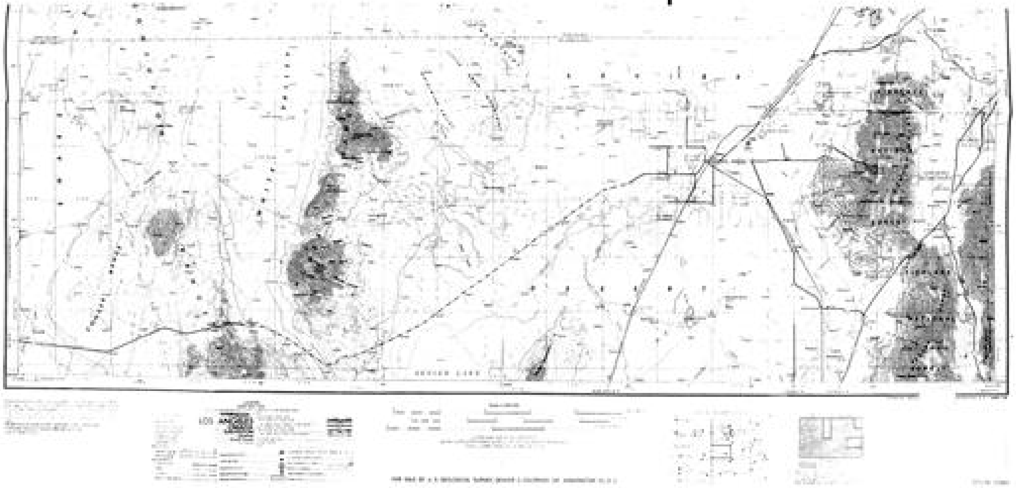
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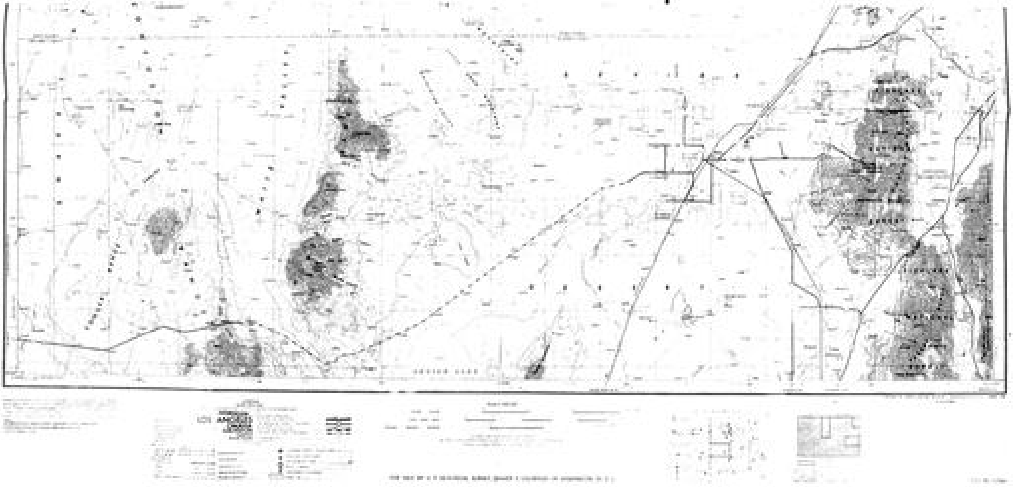
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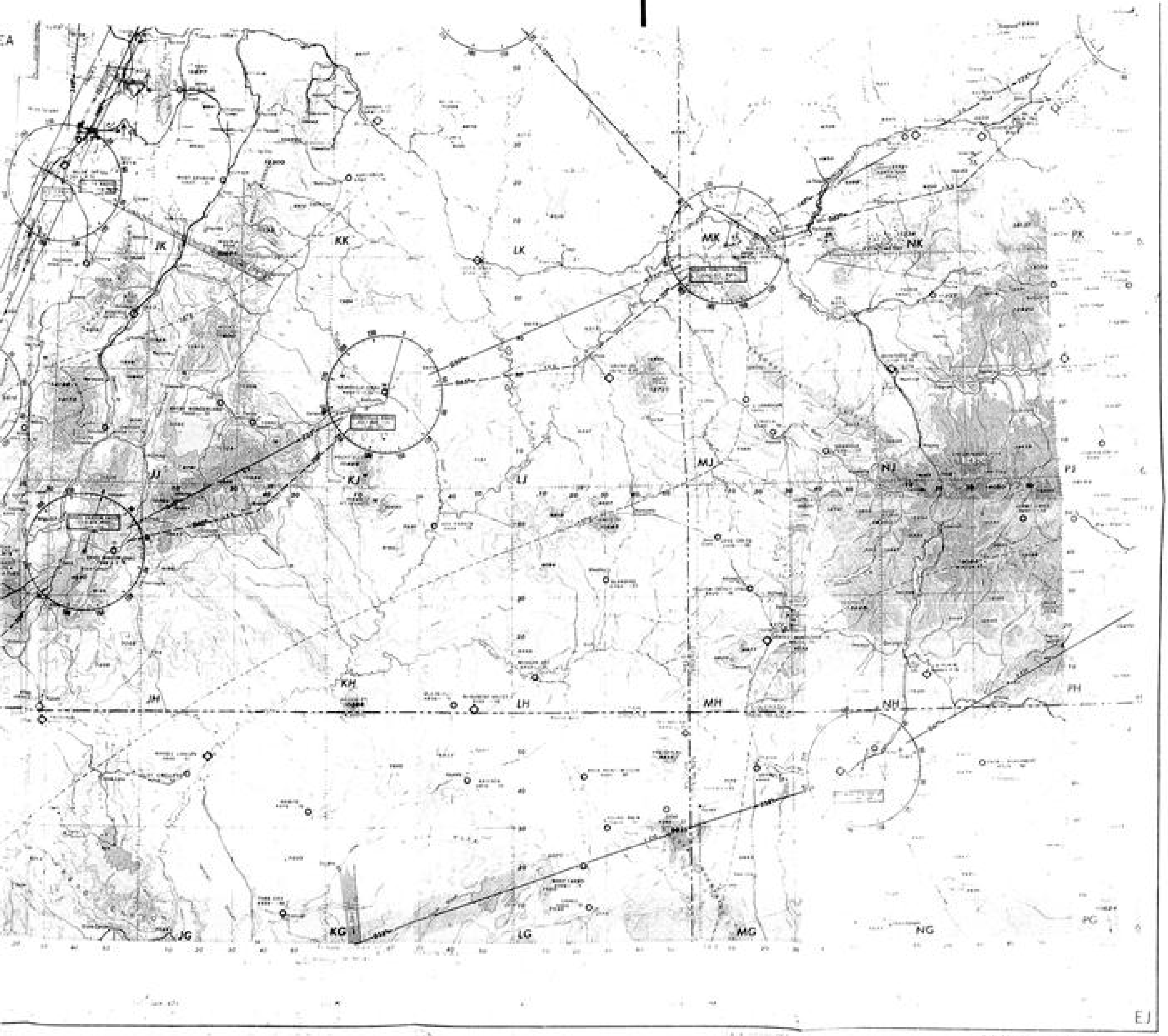
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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 April 62	**2. LOCATION** Eureka, Ugah, Rocky Mountain area		**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft XX Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 19/0319Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ■ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ■ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	**6. SOURCE** Tape Recordings Civilian & Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION varied	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one exploding	**9. COURSE** Westerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj came in over Cuba & apparently landed in rough terrain West of Eureka Utah. Bright enough to trip photo electric cell which controlled city street lights.	**11. COMMENTS** Multiple rpts. Attempted recovery by Col Friend & Dr Hynek. See case file.		

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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SAFLL-1/Mr LaVecchia/njm/57394/8 Aug 62
SAFLL: 217652

AUG 10 1962

Dear Mr. Morrison:

This is in reply to your recent communication to the Chief of Staff, USAF, in behalf of Mr. George C. Marbut, concerning the fireball witnessed by him on April 18, 1962.

The event noted by Mr. Marbut was thoroughly investigated by the Air Force, because of the unusual amount of public interest, as well as the scientific potential. Depositions were taken from several well-regarded individuals in the Lynndyle, Leamington, Silver City, Salt Lake and Eureka areas of Utah. An attempt was made to recover particles of the object, but correlation of testimony by various witnesses indicated the probable location to be in a virtually inaccessible valley 10 to 15 miles long in the Wasatch National Forest.

Detailed studies of the depositions have led to the conclusion that the object was a bolide that exploded as it neared the surface of the earth. Several of the depositions reported one big explosion followed by 20 to 30 smaller explosions likened to antiaircraft fire.

Your continued interest in Air Force matters is appreciated.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. LOCKHART
Colonel, USAF
Congressional Inquiry Division
Office of Legislative Liaison

MR:
No ddt - Ltr fr const to Rep.
27 Jul - Ltr fr Rep to C/S.
30 Jul - Recd in LL/fwd.
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w/ss 7 Aug.
6 Aug - Date of Memo fr SAFOI/Maj Hart/
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Honorable James H. Morrison

House of Representatives

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August 6, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY DIVISION, SAFLL
ATTN: MR. LaVECCHIA

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Mr. George C. Marbut

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Detailed study of the depositions have lead to the conclusion that the object was a "bolide" that exploded as it neared the surface of the earth. Several of the depositions reported one big explosion followed by 20-30 smaller explosions likened to anti-aircraft fire.

Lt. Colonel Robert Friend and Dr. J. Allen Hynek conducted the investigation for the Air Force. Detailed reports are on file in this office.

1 Attachment
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C. R. HART
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-E/Lt Col Friend

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (Utah 19 April 1962)

2 August 1962

TO: Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. At 0319Z on 19 April 1962 and unidentified flying object, described by the witnesses as a very brilliant object, moving at tremendous speed, and creating explosive sounds, was observed in the western part of the United States. The object was reported to have impacted in Utah and the majority of the reports originated in that state. (Attachment #1)

2. AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, the Air Force directive covering the unidentified flying objects program assigns the responsibility for investigating sightings to the nearest air force base. In complance with par 4b of this document, personnel from Hill AFB, Utah investigated the 19 April 1962 incident. (Attachment #1)

3. On 15 July 1960 during a briefing on the USAF's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Program. to members of the House Armed Services Committee, House Science and Astronautics Committee and CIA, Mr. Robert Smart of the House Armed Services Committee stated that due to the usually limited technical capability of the Air Force bases, FTD should conduct the investigation of those cases which give indication of having high intelligence and/or scientific potential, and also those which have an unusual amount of public interest. Mr. Smart has made several follow-ups on his recommendation and FTD has in every instance indicated compliance.

4. The note contained in par 4c of AFR 200-2, 14 September 1959, spells out a requirement for FTD to conduct additional investigation when it is determined that additional information is required to further or conclude its analysis of findings.

5. The number of reports generated by the 18 April 1962 sighting, and the fact that the Air Force investigators came to a negative conclusion regarding the UFO, they indicated it couldn't have been a meteor (Attachment #1), prompted further investigation by FTD. This case was investigated by Lt Col Robert J. Friend, FTD, and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Air Force Consultant to the UFO program, on 7 May 1962. This investigation was completed in one full day and it was concluded that the object was a bolide. An attempt was made

to locate the object but this effort failed due to the general nature of the data. Further study of this sighting indicates that the meteorite probably struck in the area of the Wasatch National Forest; however, the Air Force has made no further attempts to recover it.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Robert J. Friend Lt Col

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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